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University of New York
June 28th 1841

To Dr. P. T. Fooks.

Dear Sir/

I received your favour of 21st June duly, enquiring if Gilbert W. Huxtable had been appointed to some station in the Medical Department of the University either as Professor, Demonstrator or Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy.

No such appointment has been made on the part of the University but on enquiry of the Professor of Anatomy Dr. Patterson I find that during last winter Mr. Huxtable attended a course of lectures in Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia and became known to that gentleman as an assiduous student. On the professor's removal to this University he told Mr. H. that he would give him some employment in the anatomical department in case he should be in N. York. next winter.

This Sir, is probably the explanation you seek. — but I gather from the tenor of your note that a further communication from you would be desirable. If you think proper to favour me with any thing further of a confidential nature you will much oblige

Yours Truly
Wm. D. Vaper

Secretary to the Faculty

J. W. Draper M.D.
Professor of University
New York
July 1841
as to W. H. H. H. H.
copying in New York

[Handwritten signature]

Jr. E. J. F. F.
James town
Chautaugus County
N. York

NEW-YORK
JUN 29 1841

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Albany Sunday Morning Jan 1st 1842

Bells ring at 8 & 9. Then for service at 10 o'clock
Went to the Campbell's Pier. Ch. at a few minutes after 10.
Porter soon came in - Sermon & Block - Went into pulpit - Chorus
sang a time with hymn - Porter shut down prayer acknowledging Father
Father & the Lord's prayer - ^{read 14th Job} hymn suited to occasion. Prayers alluded to
mercies of year & prayed for President & Congress that might be
guided by wisdom &c for governors of several States for the
governor of this State & his letters about to appear. In this congre-
gation of this city that those deprived of spiritual leaders may feel
how much of God's love to fill the place of those taken
that those preachers who remain might be more diligent & that his
tears might be more enjoyed. Then sang "Dear Jesus
sing me appropriate hymn - Then read notes &c for the
very week - Concluded with Sunday evening -

Text Job XVI - 22 - When a few years have passed
"This is a season marked by kind congratulations & expressions of ten-
derness & regard" what is intended by it - In truly considered this is all
right & may not be permitted on this occasion before my beloved
congregation to join in kind expressions of kindness in wishing all of
you a happy & joyful & blessed journey as you in which you shall
all abundantly show the loving kindness & pity which flows from a merciful
providence &c &c. Then briefly alluded to the scenes of the
retiring year - Mercies, afflictions, &c &c.

The first intimation of our text is the Brevity of human life - When a
few years - Statistics of mortality &c - look over the congregation now
few 70 years - yet not half were here that year - &c &c
The 2nd thought of our text is the certainty of death - ^{yet no truth more}
^{all other mortal men themselves}

Another short deduction from our text is the end of all proba-
tion & unalterable state of all at death: no return, no repentance
after death. Gate forever sealed. 4850 1151

Amid all these things how men persevere. All or nearly all
acknowledge the truth of these things yet how few heed those all important
truths - how perfectly unfeeling the mass of men - they look around
at the danger of others & predict perhaps their short lifelines & the
approach of death, but to themselves they eye of their mind sealed to ex-
amination - this has not been the eminent Physician propitiated the fate
terminating of the life of his neighbor by discovery just before the day
or hour of his departure - yet let the time of his death be certain on date
& he still finds length of day & speedy restoration to health per-
haps to the very closing scene of life. While all around see the rapid
approach of death - The closing scene of life for its fitting im-
mortality the future state is one of vast moment -

Some perhaps relying on universal salvation - & the delu-
sion of retaining a restoration. As well may you expect
the transfer of the righteous from heaven to perdition or the state
of the invisible to reward of the righteous

But my beloved friends of Christ's flock it cannot but be a season
of inquiry to you. When reflecting on the rapid course of time & its still
more & more rapidly fleeting years you are reminded of the death of
some of our number - why are you spared? Is there no reason?

Perhaps the master of the brigand has been waiting yet another year &
how you borne fruit? If you find this year's fruit will be found
to my ^{the impatient part of} preparation the harvest depends itself to you. Why have you
been spared your numbers too have been thinned by death - What fruit
are you bearing? Are you in health & full of blessing & yet no fruit. Are
you occupying the ground & eating a broad shower & still no fruit. While you

cut a broad shodde presenting the dead & senseless of heaven for
irrigating the soil of the plants springing up that would bring forth
fruit & thus by your goodness not merely not bring in forth
fruit but embury the vintage of the Lord

Sermon commenced precisely at ~~10~~ 11 o'clock & part
10 - Short prayer - Song hymn & benediction

I think the scope of the sermon good & appropriate but
marked with much less talent than I anticipated. Read the
scriptures extremely well - Sermon written but he barely cast
his eye onto it perhaps once on a page of letter paper -
I do not admire his gestures or delivery although he is
considered a popular preacher & has a large congregation.
Among my acquaintances I saw at Church
The Rev. Wm. - Archd Campbell, Dr. P. Williams - Dallas
Mr. Boyd,
Miss Knowland

The congregation was large & apparently attentive. All sat
during singing & perhaps 1/4 or 1/3rd stood in prayer while the bible was
read by all females sat - I am surprised at this want of uniformity

Sunday - Spring 24
 Albany Jan 14 1863

Dear Mother
 I received your kind letter
 and was glad to hear from
 you. I am well and hope
 these few lines will find
 you all the same. I am
 still in Albany and
 hope to be home soon.
 I have not much news
 to write at present.
 I will write again soon.
 Give my love to all the
 folks.
 Your affectionate son,
 John W. Miller

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Albany Sunday afternoon Jan. 1st 1842

Went to Dr. Sprague's church & heard a young man whose name I do not know. Preached nearly 1 hour from Text. X1-13. There all died in faith &c. Nothing remarkable in manner or treatment of subject - I think the congregation not so crowded as Dr. Campbell's -

Sunday evening heard Dr. Sprague at the 4th Church formerly Dr. Rind's. A sermon on the death of the late pastor Rev. W. Some 1/2 dozen clergymen present. - Prayed by pastor & Dutch church. Singing &c. - House crowded to the utmost extent. House clothed in black Text Hebrews XIII-7 & 8 Remember them &c

"It is one of the glorious peculiarities of the gospel that it adapts itself to all the peculiarities & the wants of man." - Then we see when the sinner under conviction of sin cries for mercy the gospel answers -

The Backslider from God concerned of his situation enquires for a remedy the gospel answers -

The mourner for the hiding of God's countenance cries out & the gospel answers -

The bereaved mourner born down by the rod of affliction asks for the remedy the gospel answers -

But here is a congregation of mourners. Is there any thing for them?

Yes -

Remission of sin. His ^{own} voice ^{is} the rule - who have spoken to you & to me.

The text ostensibly leads us to contemplate the character of the ministerial office - Here he dwelt at length on the character & qualifications of the faithful minister of Christ - spoke of the pressure being committed to certain vessels &c. He also spoke of the melancholy fact that

greatest magnitude &c - Poor frail human nature - All
at the best were imperfect creatures with the ^{dispositions} temptations as
other men - "Make out as long a list of facilities as you will
& write on my knees before God confess them if we have done any
good to God be all the glory - Perhaps our deceased brother
had fewer facilities than most Christian ministers - He
was ardently devoted to the sacred office - Very private
steady for every good word & work - But how brief his career -
At the longest the labors of Christian ministers are short - he
died near 25 years & few or long.

But my Christian brethren you have not done with the
labors of your departed pastor - His work follows him - You
are accountable for the manner in which you follow in his
steps, & admonitions - His work will continue at long the
Sermons you too have not done with your pastor's labors
They are yet in your memories - you are accountable for
the heed you give to them &c

On the present occasion perhaps I should
not do my duty unless I allude to his personally
He was born in Lansingburgh 1816 & commenced
Preaching at 14 years of age 1830. Graduated at Union
College in 1834. Pursued Theological Studies for a time at Pene-
ton then at N. Haven. Preached at Windsor at Woodbury Conn
at that time there about 30 were added to the church - Licensed
by the Troy Presbytery 1836 - He has labored with this Church 5 years
during which time 364 have been added to the communion of the Church

his public efforts to you who have sat under his ministry
for years may be deemed superfluous - If however I were to
speak of his public efforts I should speak of them as solid
useful rather than brilliant - He was eminently consci-
entious & faithful in every duty - The social & prayer
meetings - the house of poverty & the bedside of the sick all
testify to it - He was ripe for the harvest & when called
he had nothing to do for himself - He felt to the very end
entire confidence in his successor - For the church & Christian
domains he prayed & labored as long as he could & uttered a word &
all who had him shared in his last efforts. But all was
overshadowed him the fall asleep in Jesus like the scene
I brought before you - How consolingly to you especially
as to the pattern of his bosom with his infant child that
a beloved parent is only transferred from his scene of
toil & suffering to one of rest & joy & peace

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Geneva Feb. 8. 1842.

E. T. Foote, Esq.

Dear Sir - I thank you for yours of the 1st inst. Our reports hereafter shall be corrected, as I am well satisfied the 1st Pres. Church of Jamestown has never been aided by the A. Home Mis. Soc. Jamestown village has probably been benefited by missionary societies. ^{But} the Pres. Church when organized by a secession of a few members of the Cong. Church & others was sufficiently strong to sustain the institutions of the gospel without assistance - I hope, dear Brother, if our Society was never invited to aid ^{church} you in sustaining the gospel, that you will not on this account withhold from us your kind & much needed cooperation - I am almost sorry that I have expressed such a hope - I know you will help

I have never been in your county, but once during the seven or eight years I have held my present office in the A. H. M. S. - When I entered upon this service, the churches in Chautauque Co. ^{had been} visited by the Rev. Timothy Stettin as long as he continued pastor of the Dunkirk Church. When at Fredonia two winters ago I designed to visit Jamestown, but learning that Mr. Stettin or Mr. Rudd has just visited your place in behalf of the Bethel or Education cause, I judged it expedient to defer my visit to Jamestown - Collecting money for Home Missions is but a part of the duty I am called upon to perform - Though absent from Geneva almost every week, and occasionally several weeks, I cannot be absent long at a time without injury to the cause, and injustice to correspondents - It is now the middle of the afternoon and this makes the 25th letter I have written this day - and I have as many more letters to write before that docket requiring immediate attention is cleared. This is my apology for not visiting your county oftener -

Some parts of your letter make me fear that we have made some injudicious appropriations to churches in your vicinity - Did I know to what cases you refer I would inform you what were the reasons in each case that made the Board decide to grant them aid - Sometimes we have reasons placed before us that if known would convince those perhaps

who think ~~these~~ appropriations injudicious, that as a missionary Board we could not ^{or ought not} have acted otherwise than we did. We do not act in the dark. We require and always receive approved certificates or recommendations. And when I tell you my brother that some years more than half of the missionaries in Western New York are sustained by the gentlemen composing the Board of the Western Agency, you will admit that the churches have some security in this fact that the appropriations of the agency will be made with all reasonable care & prudence. Last year we received from the gentlemen composing this Board \$3060 - We commissioned 60 missionaries, and voted \$5,491 to sustain them. We are generally unanimous in all our appropriations - and go on the principle that we ought not to grant aid to any church or missionary that we would not be willing to sustain by our own contributions - But enough of this - We are sometimes constrained to mention these things, that the churches may place that confidence in the Board, which they ought to place in order to make the operations of the Board effective - and probably one reason why the cause of Home Missions has been so greatly blessed in Western New York lies in the fact, that this cause has thus far had the confidence and the co-operation of the churches generally.

I do not believe there are many cong. ministers in Western New York that wish to withdraw from the A. N. M. S. - The ^{cong.} ministers generally are with us, and would look upon a new organization for Home Missions as a calamity - and I suppose this is the case throughout New-England. - Still there are some men who are active in bringing about a new organization if possible, and it would not be strange if they should bring to pass what they are zealously labouring to promote. - They great body of cong. ministers in our own and other states will I apprehend continue their attachment to the A. N. M. S. -

I have written to your pastor to make the Home Missionary effort this year in Jamestown - and I should be glad to have him present the claims of the Soc. also in the Cong. church of your village, and take up a subscription or collection there - We have some solicitude about our receipts - Since the meeting of the A. Board for For. Miss. the churches have generally felt themselves called upon, to make a great effort for that cause - We rejoice in it - but still ^{we} hope & must plead that the churches will not in consequence neglect other important & equally dependent causes - Nine months of our missionary year are gone, and not $\frac{1}{2}$ the sum usually annually collected on this field has been paid in - The consequence is that I cannot meet the drafts of the missionaries as they are sent me for payment - Please encourage your pastor to plead our cause and befriend the Soc. in this time of peculiar need.

Respectfully & affectionately yours
John A. Murray

Prof J A Murray
Agent
Home Missy Socy
Geneva Feb 1842

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E. T. Foote Esq

Amestown
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Albany 22 Mch 1842

Hon. E. P. Foste

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th inst came to hand last evening - I had by due course of mail rec'd a former letter under date of 14 Jan'y. It is due you that I should make some apology for not having written you sooner on the subjects connected with your letter, as I know you are deeply interested in their success, in common with a large portion of my constituents. In relation to the reduction of Clerks fees, there has been a bill reported from the Judiciary Committee, to which the whole papers, both of the present & former years were referred; making a very judicious deduction, some which will pass in all its essential features, if any shall pass - I say if any shall pass because it is quite doubtful whether any bill of the kind will be got through, owing to reasons somewhat various, - In the first place, the bill was reported at a late day & went on to the general orders, no. 148. The session you know is limited to 12 April. & there are matters enough on the general orders before this bill, to consume the whole time to the day of adjournment. Besides this there is a very decided hostility to the bill among members from small counties, where at the present rates, the incumbrants of the Office of Co. Clerk will scarcely afford a comfortable subsistence to the incumbent. I think however, there is a majority of the Assembly, who will concur in relieving such counties

as ours even if the small counties shall be exempted from the operation of the law. The members from Erie, Monroe, Ontario, Onondaga, Madison, Washington, Otsego, & some others are very anxious for the passage of the bill. The suggestion in relation to the forms of deeds, does not find favor with the Judiciary Com. A plan something like yours, has been before them & they say they do not deem it expedient to attempt any alteration or modification of the forms of conveyances, but let every man seek such a form as will answer his purpose - that the attempt would tend to unsettle the decisions upon the construction of the language in accustomed forms & make confusion & uncertainty where there is little now.

The real substantial members of that Com. are Mr Doornik of Herkimer. Simmons of Essex & Strong of Wayne - the Cyphers are O'Sullivan & D'Arzac of N.Y. The first named are very able men, & among the first in the House - They are with all, in these matters very cautious, more so than would seem to be needful. No measure not having their sanction & which has passed their hands will stand much chance of success - They have the fullest confidence of the House in matters pertaining to that Com.

The village Charter is progressing as rapidly as can be owing to the jumble which the business of the House is in. It is now engrossed & ready for a 3^d reading - & will probably be read a 3^d time if 86 members can be found in their seats this week. I have worked at this & the opposition to the division of the County, & the Clk's bill constantly. The bill to erect the county of Schoharie I think is now

this winter. If it does, it cannot pass House, unless it is made a party question, (which there has been an attempt to do, by those who are urging its passage) & it is made to override all other business. This latter aspect it will not be made to assume. The Standing Com. in the Assembly will report adverse to the passage of the bill, if it passes the Senate.

There has been another matter, to which I have directed some attention, which is an amendment to the non-resident debtor law. but no such amendment as is desirable can pass. It was up for discussion in Com. of the whole last week, but was laid on the table by a strong vote, when the Com. rose. It was opposed by Mr. Simmons, Gen. Davis, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Humphrey, who constituted an opposition not easily overcome. The bill to abolish Capital punishment was up for discussion yesterday. It can hardly pass this Assembly. The Tax bill you will see by the papers has passed the House & will probably pass the Senate this week. Another measure of great moment to the whole people is the new election bill, which will hardly fail to pass soon. It has passed the House & is now undergoing discussion in the Senate. The weather here has been most delightful for the most part of the winter. It has been April & May ever since I came here. Mrs. W. is with me. We are all & wish to be remembered to all who enquire. We shall probably adjourn to Sept. to apportion the Members of Congress if the ratio shall be agreed upon. I shall be glad to hear from you again. Yours &c.
E. F. Warren

E. F. Warren Esq
relative to his fee
how to be
for Albany -

22^d mar 1842.

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Hon. E. F. Fote
Jamestown
N. Y.

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Auburn The Seminary
July 20th 1842

Mr. E. D. Foot

Dear Sir,

Please take notice that you was
elected one of the examining committee on the
part of the board of Commissioners of the Auburn Theol.
Seminary at their last meeting.

The examination of students will commu-
-nce ^{on} the 12th day of August next at the Seminary.

Yours very Respectfully
J. N. Trivison for stated Clerk

P.S.

The Rev J. C. Lord is your alternate

J. N. Trivison

Rev J. C. Lord notified August 1st 1842

My Dear Sir
Tudoria Dec 7th 1842
Your copy of the 1st inst is
only received. It found me just recovering
from a severe sickness and which has
left me in a state that I am yet unable
to attend to business. I was mentioned
to me while I was yet confined to my
bed by some one but who I cannot now
remember that you had declined an
appointment and that White was to
go on to the bench and that there was
a probability that there might be some
talking between him and Osborn who
should be named as first judge -

There is not here any diminution
of confidence in yourself but I find
that idea that you had declined an
appointment had been rather general
since I received yours I have been able
to see some of our leading friends all
without exception say that you must
have the appointment if you will

consent to take it - I have no doubt
that such is the universal opinion
of our friends in this section of the
county - I can well assure that in
a primary point of view the affair
is worth little or nothing to you
and if this was the only thing about
it I would not advise or ask you
to accept it but the firm and
impartial administration of justice
is always important, and having
been so long associated with you in
that capacity I believe that I can
say that the public interests would
be apt to suffer from your plan
being filled by any one in your
section of the county that could be
induced to take it - whatever might
be their talents or industry any other
would lack the experience necessary
in the station - With these views

you will see that my opinion is
that you ought (if consistent
with other duties) to again take the
appointment - I have had no commu-
nication with any one at Knoxville
on the subject but I am hardly
believer that any one there will
take any means to prevent your
appointment if they understood that
you wish it. I know the men
think in this I am right - My heart
is sunk that am unable to see our
friends or wish or I wish but I am
entirely confident that I understand
them - You ask about the notices
for the Division of the county you will
see in the Courier 2 of them the people
at Knoxville want Cherry Creek
and Charlotte for the purpose of
giving that place the county seat
Yours respectfully
A. P. G. G. G. W. W. W.

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~~Mr~~ *Chas J Goate*
Weston



Mr B Walcott
West 1842
Westfield

serious & the brethren onerous. Probably no county in the United States has ever been more thoroughly supplied with bibles & Testaments than ours. The families have all been supplied with bibles & the children with Testaments. Our County Poor house & Confinement Jail have also been supplied with bibles & Testaments

The time has arrived when our county for its population & resources should feel called on to lend efficient aid to the parent Society, in spreading the gospel to the destitute in other places

The American Bible Society has done much for the supply of the destitute in heathen lands & nearly every part of our entire population in the United States has been ^{faithfully} supplied ^{except} that portion which is proscribed ^{by law} & ^{in part} ^{for a} ^{corrupt} ^{un-Christian} ^{sublime} denied the word of life. It is now estimated to at least 1/6 part of our entire population. In this state of things we have reason to humble ourselves in the dust & cry to God for forgiveness & wisdom to direct --

The proscribed are our brethren by nature. God both made of one blood the bond & the free. Yet they are denied the word of God in a professedly Christian land & in a land of bibles. The Southern churches have become recently the openly avowed advocates & supporters of the heinous & daring sin of slavery. In a great part of the Slave States, not only the slaves but free colored persons are denied the word of God or his love & bread. It is our complaint & ^{justice} ^{condemnation} the churches for withholding the word of God from the people, yet we tolerate & appreciate with thanksgiving of Protestant churches who reduce man to a level with the brute & deny him God's word.

Nearly 1/5th of our population ^{are} ^{as ignorant} of the way of salvation as the inhabitants of Borneo or Hindostan & far more degraded & oppressed.

--- "Oh how can we forget the Slave
Robbed of the book of God
And living to a heathen goal

--- "Beneath a Christian sail" -- In the language of Mr Goodell "Something must be done. Here is humanity crushed & blood to be healed. Here are heathen to be civilized. Oppression to be rebuked. Abominations done away. Professors of religion to be admonished. The names to be purified. The sanctuary cleansed. Religion & the Bible vindicated. The son of man, in the person of the least of his brethren, hungry, naked, at the rest and in prison, to be visited ministered unto & cherished & released --

Look at the awful destitution of the bible in many parts of the South as reported by the Bible agents. In one of the old Southern States a number of counties were supplied where 19/20 of the families including professors of religion were destitute of a bible several fresh ones were supplied who had never owned a bible. See report 1841 page 95-4 This is but one of similar cases reported - Sept in the fruits of slavery - The Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of darkness, and should not his disciples be engaged in the same warfare? Can any man doubt that the works of the devil include slave trading & slave holding? What can be more fierce like than to reduce the soul of man made a little lower than the angels to the condition of a brute? to buy and sell the image of God, the purchase of a precious blood, the temple of the Holy Spirit, as if sooted hearts are sold in the shambles? to bury the immortal mind of man in the darkness of heathenism? to quench the light of knowledge to enchain the deathless spirit, to annul marriage to prohibit the scriptures - to substitute the despotic sway of man for the moral government of God.

But you ask what can be done & what is our duty? In the language of scripture I answer - If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God - search the scriptures - Be not partakers of other mens sins - They that forsake the law provere the wicked; but he that keepeth the law contendeth with them - Imitate Christ - Hold the same language toward oppressive rulers in the church & state that he did - Woe unto you scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites; for ye bind heavy burthens grievous to be borne - ye devour widows houses & for a pretence make long prayers - Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them - Open thy mouth judge righteously & plead the cause of the poor & needy - Warn the oppressor to repent - Cry aloud and spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet - show my people their transgressions & the house of Jacob their sin. Bid them set the oppressed go free - Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness - Purify the church that will not openly condemn slavery as well as the state - I say again we have reason to mourn that a portion of our fellow beings are by law & sanction of corrupt churches in the South (if not in the north) - deprived of Gods holy word and the blessings of the gospel - Christian friends such things ought not to be

Bible Society
Address of Rev. Post
Anniversary at Peapack
My August 1844
Jonathan
Christy
L. Y. White

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^{Jamustown Jameston Jamestown}
I The Chairman & members of the Republican
Convention of Chautauque County to assemble at
Mayville on the 17th Inst

Gentlemen, as you are convened (among other ob-
=jects) to fill the vacancies, by nomination, that now exist
on the Bench in our county as well as those that are anti-
=cipated during the ensuing session of the Legislature, and
as my present Commission will expire in February (after the
next term of our court) permit me respectfully to make
known to the convention my declination of a re-nomination
for the appointment of First Judge - While I recognize to the
full extent, the duty of every Republican to stand in the station
assigned him ~~assigned him~~ by the party either as an Officer or a
private citizen, yet considerations that I deem sufficient have
led me to this communication

I acknowledge with gratitude the long contin-
=ued confidence of the Republican party to me & its oft re-
=peated marks of ~~confidence~~ & approbation, & in retiring from
a station which I have so long filled permit me to return the
convention my sincere thanks for the many tokens of confi-
dence extended to me - I earnestly hope the convention will
be able cordially to unite on candidates that do honor to the coun-
=ty & the incumbents selected - Permit me also to suggest
that it may be desirable for all the Democratic Judges
to enter upon the duties of their offices at the ensuing February
term. If so I will send in my resignation to the Governor,
that I may retire from the Bench the first day of Feb^r Term
thereby enabling my successor to enter upon the duties of his station
at that time

Very Respectfully,
Your fellow citizen

E. J. Foster

Jamustown Dec. 16th 1842.

Copy
Communication to
the Republican Convention
1842

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Retirement of Judge Foot,
from the Bench of Chautauque County N.Y.

A Democratic Convention composed of delegates from the several towns of Chautauque County, was held pursuant to public notice at the Court House in Mayville ^{N.Y.} on the 17 Decr. 1842, for the purpose of nominating and recommending ^{for re-election} suitable persons to fill any vacancies then existing or that might occur during the winter. Abijah Clark ^{of Ellery}, was chosen Chairman and Wm W Peacock Esq. Secretary.

The following towns were represented as follows:

Busti Valentine Clarke Stephen J Brown
Carroll B J Morgan, Gordon Swigg, Charles Fox
Charlotte John M. Edson, F M Peck E J Brown
Chautauque B Brockway, W W Craft, Wm W Peacock
Cherry Creek S Grover, P Gardiner
Ellery Forbes Johnson, M Hoyt Abijah Clark
Ellington E D Pendleton, M Terry, D Eigenbroadt
Elliott J. H. Wait, Lorenzo Johnson Wm A Jew
Ferris Creek Synder Rathbun, J. S. Jones,
Gerry L L Eaton W Dingley, S Fargo.
Harmony Nathl Smith, D Carpenter, D N Boltwood
Hanover Oliver Lee, Niram Sackett J Morrison
Mina S Thayer, S Grover, W L Bartram.
Poland J Allen, Saml B Winsor
Pumpet C F Mattison, J Handy, Ernest Mullett.

Putland R. W. M. Dabee, J. Morton, L. Pullman
Ripley Caleb O'Doughaday, G. Godrich, A. P. Killys
Sherman Otis Skinner, G. Miller, G. Varnum
Sheridan J. C. Nilson, J. Giles, J. J. Eacker
Stackton A. Drake, N. F. Moore, J. Kingsley
Vernon J. G. Hopkins, N. Smith, J. Fay
Westfield N. Ribbe, Augustus & Baldwin, H. A. Pratt

Letters addressed to the Convention were received from
Judges E. T. Fote, and T. B. Campbell were received respectfully
declaring a renomination to the offices they held, The following
resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas the Hon. Eliac T
Fote and the Hon. Thomas B. Campbell, have by respectful Communi-
cations, made to this Convention, declined a renomination to the offices
which they have so long and ably filled: Be it therefore Resolved, That
this Convention, (See the remainder on page 331 which insert here)

Wm. Peacock Secretary

Abijah Clark Chairman

At The February term of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sep-
-tions of the Peace of Chautauque County N. Y. held at the Court House
in Mayville, on the day of February 1843
Judge Fote Presiding.

Judge Fote in addressing the Grand Jury, after charging them relative
to the provisions of certain Statutes as required by law; stated to the Jury, as
this was the last time he should meet them in a judicial capacity, he would
improve the occasion by calling to memory a few reminiscences of the

early history of the County and the changes that had occurred, and proceeded to state, in substance, the following which is copied from the Westfield N.Y. Messenger printed at Westfield N.Y. - "He stated, ^{orally} that within ^{about} fifty years the entire Western New York including the City of Utica

Here to follow the balance of the charge see page 327 Genealogy

Then copy proceedings of the Grand Jury on page 329 of Genealogy commencing

"The Grand Jurors of the County of Chautauqua, having,"

A. Walker clerk.

Nathan Mixer Foreman

Filed Feb 18 1843.

State of New York }
Chautauqua Co. } ss

John G. Hinckley clerk of said County and also clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Do here by certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original paper on file in the office of the clerk of said County and Court and of the whole of such original and of the filing thereof.

(15) In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and ~~and~~ affixed the seal of said Court and County this 15 day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty three. John G. Hinckley clerk.

Then to follow the address to Hon E. T. Foote

To the Hon. E. T. Foote, first judge of Chautauqua County N.Y.

Dear Sir, As you are about to retire from the bench of our county, after having, and the remainder of page 330 with the names and offices

Sancti Spiritus
12th Augt 1863

Now E. J. Footes
Chandos Lane, London
En.

Would like you to forward me the copy
of marriage of Alfred Wilcox to Hannah Aikew, which
took place at Samstown Neataraugus hee Nuy on or about
the 1st Nov^r 1819.

His son having died while in the service of the US
and to enable Mrs Wilcox to get a Pension it requires a certified
copy of marriage certificate.

Your prompt attention to this matter, will confer
a favor upon all parties, as well as ^{be} an ^{un}avoidable
hardest convenience, together with yours & all other steps
which I will permit to

Very Respectly,

Your Obedt Servt.

James Aikew

I sent certificate that I married them as a judge in Ellendale
on or about 1st Nov^r 1818 that they united in a solemn & subsequent to
their marriage for many years that William died in June 1831 that
she was a very respectable woman and I understood
removed to his care - that I removed to New Haven about 18 years since
when I still reside

Mrs Hannah Willcox
widow of Alfred now
residing at Eu-
clidean Wisconsin
wants certificate
of her marriage to
prove how due
her son who died in
the army

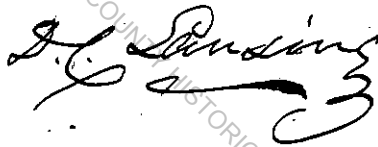
August 1863

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DEAR SIR:—

Agreeably to a provision of the Constitution of the AUBURN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, for calling Special Meetings of the Board of Commissioners, the President of the Board is authorized to call such meetings. Under the authority thus vested, you are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held at the Library Room of the Seminary, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 20th day of Dec. inst., for the purpose of choosing a PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, and for such other purposes as the interests of the Seminary may seem to demand.

Auburn, Dec. 2d, 1843.



Pres't of Board of Commissioners.

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Notice
To attend Seminary
Comm. meeting at Auburn



Hon: E. T. Foose
Amestown
Chataugua Co

1874

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To the Hon. C. J. Foote

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to hand
the following notices of our county
societies: anniversary to the editor of your
paper for insertion:

The following county societies will hold
their anniversary meeting at Westfield
as follows, viz:

Thursday Aug. 26 - 10 O. Clock P. M. Foreign
Missionary Society. Rev. Messrs. Gillett
Preston & Montgomerie Speakers.

At 7 O. C. in the evening, Temperance
Society. Rev. Messrs. Baker, & Stillman &
Hon. R. P. Marvin Speakers.

Friday 10 O. C. A. M. Bible Society. Rev. Messrs.
Aiken, Preston, Orton & Gillett, Speakers.

At 2 O. C. P. M. Sunday School.
Rev. Messrs. Gowley, Beardsley, Gregg & Stillman
Speakers.

At 7 O. C. in the evening. Formation of Craft
Society. By order of the committee of arrangements.

Westfield Aug. 19 - 1821

J. C. Chepind, Chairman

Rev. J. M. Hopkins, Sec'y

P.S. It is also expected that a few gentlemen
will favor us with addresses on the
occasion, besides the above mentioned

J. D. Chapin
J. M. G. } Sec

P.S. On my return to Westfield I found
that Rev. Mr. Hopkins was gone & that our
anniversary meetings had not been notified
through the County. Please spread the notice
of them as fast as possible & come to the
Rescue & may there be new gems added to
the crowning blessings of these societies the Pres
read.

Yours in the best of bonds
Westfield Aug. 16 - 1841 J. D. Chapin

Glen. D. G. Host

Notice of Anniversaries

New York
Westfield
Aug. 16. 1841

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Auburn, Sept. 2, 1841.

Dr. Sir,

It is in compliance with a vote taken in the late annual meeting of the Western Education Society, that I thus inform you of your election as one of its Directors, and bespeak your influence and beneficence and prayers in its behalf.

Yours truly,

P. C. Smith,
Cor. Sec.

Hon. E. T. Hoove

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E T Froot
Director of the
Western Education Socy
Sept-1841.



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Hon. E. T. Froot,
Jamestown,
Chautauque Co.

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Having understood that Judges Walworth & Foots, have been charged with originating the late republican meeting, in reference to the nomination of Surrogate by the county convention, I take the liberty of stating, that a petition was presented to my self & others for the appointment of Judge Walworth as surrogate, signed by several republicans of Westfield, & which I was assured & believe was started without the knowledge of Judge Walworth. That we did not feel at liberty here, to sign any petition without a general consultation of those, who believed that the result of the convention, was not in accordance with the voice of the majority of the republicans in the county. That for the purpose of obtaining this general consultation, I proposed a meeting of all those opposed, to be held the first Wednesday of next month. & the friends present at this interview, coincided with the proposition, & each agreed to send notices to different towns designated. The object was to produce union & concert in the party. I regretted the necessity, which prevented my attendance at the meeting, but shall cheerfully abide the decision of the new convention, let it result as it may. Judge Foots, or Judge Walworth had neither of them any knowledge of the call of the meeting, until notified that it would be held. The agreement to hold it, was only made the Thursday preceding, & I repeat the great object was to devise some means, to restore harmony & peace to the party.

Feb. 21. 1844

J. A. Brown

I concur in the above Statements as to the knowledge of Judges Foots & Walworth in calling the meeting held at the Court house on the 14th instant

J. A. Brown

Summerton March 11th 1844

Gentlemen, you are all aware of the injury done to my premises by the setting back of the water in the outlet of the Chontaugue Lake occasioned by the crecting of the dam near the "Sash Factory" in which you are interested - I complain of the creation of the dam and of the several additions which have been from time to time made to it raising the water higher than you have any right and continuing to raise the water by which I am much injured - That portion of my farm (on which I reside) which is unjustly injured or entirely destroyed would be berry produce - time were it not for raising the water higher than you have any right to do - I wish to use and enjoy the land thus injured - My object in addressing this note to you is to give notice that I insist on my rights and desire and desire that the nuisance by which I am injured be at once abated - I also wish an amicable settlement for the damages I have already sustained - If these requests are not complied with (as I hope they will be) I shall be compelled much against my wishes to resort to legal measures for the protection of my rights

Yours Respectfully
E. J. Post

Addressed at the head as follows

- Messrs Scott & Barrows & others -
- " Hazeltine & Wood & others -
- " Ezra Wood Joel Portridge & others -
- " Kent & Stephens & others -
- " Fenton & Barker & others -
- " Richard Arnold, Lewis Huggard & others -
- " Wm. Braid, J. C. Braid Albert Portridge & others -
- " Harris Willard, B. P. Bell, A. B. Bell & others -

on whom served:

- Barrows
- Hazeltine
- Wood
- Kent
- Barker
- Arnold
- W. Braid
- Willard

Served March 12th 1844

Copy
Notices served for E. J. Wente
March 12th 1844.

and note showing on whom
served & to whom addressed

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115 NASSAU-STREET, NEW-YORK.

Bible House, New-York, Sept 6 1846

The AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY acknowledges the receipt

of Eighty five _____ Dollars,
from the Church engine W. A. J. N. Y.
by the Rev. E. J. [unclear] in full
paid _____

\$ 85-00

J. Washburn
Assistant Treasurer, A. B. S.

Dear Brother

Alexander June 30th 1845

I presume you have looked for a visit, from me in your section and when I wrote I expected to be there soon but, I found on enquiry that, it was unnecessary for me to visit, this country to him, a field of labour as there was an opening here only 3 miles from Utica when my son ~~Lincoln~~ live so I just, made my arrangements to move right on here, accordingly I arrived here the fourth day of may I have a fine Church to preach in, and a warm hearted people to preach too, but, they are rather tame on the question of abolition, but all profess to be warm ones only at the polls, I find they will bear to hear the moral bearings of the subject, dwell upon and that, is the part, on which I generally dwell and I hope before another Presidential campaign there will be a moral sentiment on that subject, in the North at least that prevent, either of the political parties from selecting slaveholders for their candidates, I rejoice to see the Methodist, Episcopal Church South, go off by themselves and it will be a good day for the North and for humanity when the line of slavery shall be come the division line of Christian fellowship, I know many cry out, it will endanger the Union, but, when the wicked join hands in an unholy union which can only be kept together by slavery the sooner that Union is dissolved the better, the Northern M.E Church is now reaping the fruit of her folly to please the South she oppressed the abolitionists of the North till she drove them to organize the Wesleyan Methodist church, and thus have lost a good share of the piety and talents of the North, then for fear of losing the rest, she turned round and done by the

South as she ought, to have done years ago, and
this she done on the ground of expediency and not,
from principle and behold her much loved &
cherished slaveholding brethren have gone &
left them - Thus by adopting a miserable &
wicked expediency she has lost both, when if she
had taken right ground at first, and acted from
principle she would have retained all the
North & I believe the South too.

But, God will override all these movements for Good
and advance the great principles of his own
Government, so as to establish the doctrine of
human rights, and blot out oppression from
under heaven.

You expressed a wish to have me spend some time in
your section and mentioned having me visit every town
lecturing on that subject, now Albia as I have been
called and much persecuted as I have been, I
never have given but few lectures on the political
bearings of slavery as I did think that was my appro-
priate field as a Minister.

But, I have met the subject, as a moral one in the
pulpit, and shewed the obligation of the Christian
to take right ground on this subject, as a Christian
as a citizen and one who has had committed
to him in the providence of god the right. Power
of choosing his rulers and I have insisted
that the Christian should carry out his principles
as a tiller of the soil, as a professional man
and Mechanick in all his intercourse and
in all his acts, and that he should go from
his knees to the ballot box.

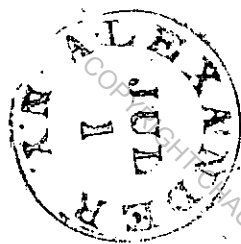
I live now in the midst of a people who profess
to be abolitionists but make a vast distinction
between it and the truth.

they voted for F. C. Clay for the Presidency
it will take such a revolution along time to
burst the hands of oppression and strike off
the shackles of the slave

The Lord Master the day when such a turn
of Moral feeling shall pervade the entire
North as shall lead the people to say no
oppressor of human beings shall have
the rule over us

If you pass this way I should be glad to have
you call and spend a few days with me, I was
glad to hear of the prosperity of the Wesleyan's in
your place. I want you when you write again
to tell me how Mr. Work and Galt off are
getting along. It is long since I heard from
either of them, and although they may think
of me as many other of my old tried friends
have and regard me as fallen I bless the
Lord I still am on the Walls of Zion and
enjoy my mind well in Breach Jesus
my fellow men, I feel much at home
and although I claim always to have
been liberal in my feelings toward other
denominations, the abolition contest has
brought me more intimately acquainted with
Presbyterian Congregational and Baptist
Ministers and the more I have become acqui-
ainted with them the better I like them and
could if need be, be at home with any of them
where they have no close communion or fellow-
ships for slaveholders and their appendages, my
love to Mr. Hoote and all enquiring friends
Yours for God & the oppressed
J. S. Barlow

There is a Mr. Greenwell keeps tavern at Chagrin Falls who owns
 house and lot in the west part of your village who wishes
 to exchange with me for a lot I have in Chagrin Falls
 he says a Mr. Jones is his agent, I wish you would take
 the trouble to see the house and let me know what
 you think it worth in cash, and also whether your
 village is growing - at a stand - or declining. This do
 and oblige yours
 J. S. Barry



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Barry & Barry
 from Alex and My

July 1845
 to W. S. Barry

Chautauque Co

Jam. W. Barry

Hon. E. S. Barry

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Thursday P.M. 5 o'c.

My B. Fante

I have been surprised
to day, by the handing to me a note
addressed to Miss Weston and myself
in which you donate to me, the amount
of one of your slips in my Church - for
which I present to you many thanks -

While I am not insensible to the
value of the gift, its chief worth to
me, is the evidence it contains that
I have yet a place in your bene-
volence. - Arrived the pasting which
a transmission of opinion pro vice. I
did not mean I am by your always
countless demands to me, that I
was yet unembarrassed with affection -

What ever has occurred in the world
of strife, and although we are not
always ^{born} fortunate as to symbol
of our involvement, or our misdeeds, in
actions etc. I do not mean of a peni-
tence, when you have not raised a
large place, in my affection -

The history of my ministrations; before is
manuscripted with tabular of your
substantials favor - and you have
had a large share in the shaping
of my ministerial destiny - for you
were mainly instrumental as to my
carrying him. That I have had &
I have known large faults is what you
knew and I acknowledge.

We have been to the house
of God together and to the place we
preach - and our communion - We have
sat at our Lord's table together, and
communed with our Heavenly Father
- We have expiated your sins to
the land of my ancestry to let
us see the preaching of marvelous
news to our people - and to stay
them till Providence will visit
us - What may be in the future
for me since mine is unpopular
to day - I am this point and di-
vines - Hence our pact of local
work as an "aid" - and
- But we have both arrived at
the province of our lives

When the uncertainties of mortal being
are more uncertain - I am the wind
the rain and the sunshine of heaven
will give the turf that covers the
cold remains of all of us which claim
an affinity to dust - My twenty
good wishes go with you abroad -
A sharp game between us wh
ich may prevent us ever seeing each
other face in the flesh - Let them the
part be a friendly divorce of this
world affairs - And let us seem
to walk with an ease that
we may exchange joyful saluta-
tions, in a world where friends
will be without alloy -

Very respectfully
Yr. Friend

C. D. Gillett

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Rw. E. J. Sullivan
1845

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New York April 6. 1849

My Dear Sir.

On my arrival from the South, I
found here your very kind letter, together
with its acceptable & complimentary address
to Gen. Howard, which I promptly handed to
him. - Alas for the City has printed a
calm acknowledgment of your very
kind action in my behalf; & I write
now, to express to you my grateful
appreciation of your kindness & friendship,
which will assuredly, never so easily be
forgotten by the Sir.

Yours truly & obt. Serv.

Watson Webb

Hon. G. W. Patterson.

Pres. Hitchcock
Amherst May 4/50
Ac receipt of a copy of
Vote secretary for library

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Bushnell May 9th 1850

Dear Sir,

Accept our
thanks for the beautiful
volume respecting the
Foster family just received
It will be placed in the
College library as you
requested.

Respectfully
Yours

Edward Hitchcock

From Rev. Timothy Hopkins long time Pastor
of the Park ch. Westfield N.Y.

Warsaw, Wyoming Co. N.Y. 15th June 52

Hon. E. T. Foot;

Dear Sir;

Some two or three days since, I received a line from Elyria, Ohio, informing me, that Rev. Mr. Street, of North-Haven had accepted their invitation to labor with them and would be there on the 3^d sabbath of June. This is no more than what Mr. Essonor, their former minister, (and in fact their present pastor -) told me he thought would be the case: so that, in point of fact, I have no further thought of Elyria.

This is a result which has somewhat embarrassed me: for, of about a dozen places which have been named, this was the only one where I had thought I could go.

I shall, therefore, hold myself at liberty to inquire still further, and wait the decisions of Providence.

Mrs. Hopkins and the two daughters are at Westfield: they are expected here tomorrow. We are intending to spend some time here, — two or three weeks, then go on to Auburn and vicinity, where we shall stay a few weeks more. After which, we may visit New England, or — some portions of it.

I have had no other object in writing thus to you, than to say, since you had appeared to feel some interest in our movements, and your lady had expressed — even more, I thought it would be well enough to keep you informed of our intentions whenever we had any and our wherabouts, that — in case you should have occasion to write to us — you would know at least when to find us. A letter directed to my brother ^{Rev. T. Hopkins D.D.} at Seneca Falls, Seneca Co. N.Y. will not be long in finding me. If written in the course of two or three weeks, it would find me here. You may, perhaps, know of a place, or hear of one, which, though surrounded with ministers out of employ, you would feel inclined to seek one. If any thing, or any circumstances should place it in your power to do something of this kind it would be regarded with great pleasure, by your old friend and fellow laborer in the cause of the Bible.

Love to Mrs. Foot and the friends at Greenfield. — If you should write soon, direct here.

Respectfully yours

T. M. Hopkins

Rev. J. M. Hopkins
letter June 1852

1852

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Geneseo, N. Y. October 16th 1853.

Eliel T. Foot Esq.

I take this opportunity to write to you by your request to inform you of my Father's parentage he was born in Ashford or Mansfield, Connecticut on February 5th 1758 as to our origin we can trace it back to Scotland in the days of Wallace and Bruce; my Father came to Otsego County in 1791, and in 1810 removed to Chautauque County and in 1817 removed to Erie County, Pennsylvania, and there he died in January 16th 1849. My Father joined the Methodist some few years before he came to Otsego County and he remained in the Church till his death. My Father had Methodist preaching at his ^{house} in the fall of 1810, and I believe the first Class was formed there, my Father's given name was William

Yours Respectfully

Samuel Southworth

This letter came by mail mailed from Geneseo
PO N. Y. mailed Oct. 17 1853 - Geneseo is on the route
of the Rail Road from Chicago to Rock Island

Donald Johnston
Katie Smeets, M.
Oct 17 53

Genealogical History

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House of Representatives

Washington

Jan. 26 1854

Hon. C. D. Fiske

Dear Sir

Only a sufficient

number of the Quaker Com-

pus is allowed us to supply

each town of my district

with a single copy - An octavo

~~abstract~~ will be published

some time in the year of which

I will endeavor to remem^{ber}

to send you a copy -

I will put your name
upon my list - In the mean

time I directed to you a copy of
Stansbury's Report, which
I beg my dear "Cousin Amelia"
to receive as a New Year's pre-
sent from me.

Exercise blood & train
in extreme haste - Love to
all - yours very truly

Charles W. Upham

Hon L. W. Stephon
In Congress,
Washington Jan'y. 26. 1854.

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How I do
Warren Pa Feb 23/54

Warren Feb. 23 1854

How E. J. Hortle

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favour

of the 16th came duly to hand, you probably
saw a paper (Warren Ledger) containing
some sections which I delivered before the Mass
Society the first part of Jan. last on the "Anti
prosecution" & the perseverance of that set in Mass.

You will no doubt recognize some characters
therein. As well as old acquaintances. I sent the
paper some days before the receipt of your
letter & will satisfy you that I have not
been unmindful of your friendly suggestion.

I have commenced giving a history
rather a brief notice of the early misperceptions
in Warren & various matters primarily
I fear but yourself are aware of the suffer-
-ing I have to encounter at every step
to obtain correct information, My own
memory is not very retentive & I find a good
many others in like situation. I have
started out with the effort which you
furnished me from the Grand ^{Journal} which is
almost the only reliable record I have been
able to obtain of the early misperceptions in Mass.

The remainder has I have to make up
from my own imperfect recollections, & others
probably equally imperfect. The Lecture
will appear in two numbers of the Ledger
The first I will mail to you on Tuesday
next, the other a week from that time.

I am not sure whether I sent you
my first Lecture last month. So that
I noticed at some length the subject of
Land Titles in Southern Penn^a particularly
the controversy which arose between the
warrant holders & actual settlers in the
act of 1792. I endeavored to insert all the
material facts in that controversy that would
be interesting to the general reader.

There is a very full & minute history of
that controversy, comprising all the decisions
& adjudications of the Supreme & U.S. Courts
upon that act. It is contained in the 6th vol.
of Smith's Laws of Penn^a. As those controversies
have been so long settled, they are seldom
referred to either in our Courts or elsewhere.
I am not certain whether a more
extended notice of them will be interesting
to the general reader. Upon reflection
I think you will be the recipient of my lectures

which contained the history of these Land Titles
Do you think a more full one would be
interesting? You will notice by an incidental
remark in my last Letter that we agree
as to the taste or disposition unawakened of
later to search after old things. notwithstanding
they are running after news. This is exemplified
in the case you mention of looking up to
transcribing the New Haven record.

Our winter here has been something like
yours. We have had at our times over 6 inches
of snow which fell in Dec: & went off the fore
part of Jan: since that we have had almost
a few days of very warm & then of extreme
cold weather. The thermometer rising one day to
40 & 50 & the next perhaps down to zero. The
roads have been generally frozen hard & good
travelling. Two ^{daily} lines of stages run regularly between
this & Deerfield (Shaw & Pambunters) from 75 to
We have again a prospect of getting a N. Road
the S. & L. speedily made. Our hopes have been
so often disappointed in relation to this road
that I don't feel very sanguine. Mr J. Hall
& Brown & myself go to Phil: on the 13th inst to
attend the Election of Directors.

Religious matters, here, as with you, are at
a low ebb. There has been a protracted effort
the methodist society in which our society united

but without any marked results. There was a
few hopeful conversions, but they were as a drop
in the bucket to those who remained unimproved
& impenitent. Dr. Moore of ~~Buffalo~~ Buffalo
& of whom you ^{may} have some knowledge came
here in the midst of the meeting & delivered
a course of lectures on man & his relations to
the Union of God. The course crowded houses &
I think did some good, altho the Methodist
opposition thought ~~so~~ they were injurious
to the religious meetings.

We have nothing of special interest in New
York since N. B. difficulties cause a good deal
of talk here & we. For one I disapprove &
condemn most decidedly the course they have
taken at Erie, & think it a most serious
& a lasting injury to the place, whether
they accomplish their object in having a break
of gaze there or not.

I shall at all times be happy to hear
from you & any suggestions you may make
in relation to future conversions will be thank-
fully received.
Very truly yours
L. Weston

Washington Jan 27 1855

Dear Sir

Absence has prevented
an earlier reply to your note of
the 10th.

I will endeavor to comply
with your requests.

Yours truly
William A. Seward.

E. T. Fiske by
New Haven
Conn.

Hon Wm H Seward⁸
with list of members to

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New Haven May 26-1855
Saturday Morning

My dear husband,

I suppose from a letter to
Charles from Haven that you are still in Mil-
waukee and as I know nothing when you cal-
-culate to be at home I have concluded to trou-
-ble you with some items about Jonathan. I
should not do it for I know your mind is full
of business - but I know also how much he
thinks of your far reaching insight and judg-
-ment & I have thought you might perhaps
-get a moment when you could give him some
-suggestions that would be of use in aiding
him in so important a decision. I will give
you an extract from his last letter. "I have
received a call from the first Church & Society
in Lowell to become their pastor on a salary
of twelve hundred dollars a year. I wrote
you I was preaching for them - They asked
me if I was a candidate - I said no - and

through Cousin Darwin they heard
I was intending to go abroad - yet
they seemed determined to make an
effort to get me and I did not feel at
liberty to say I would not on any con-
-ditions except a call - last Sunday evening
the committee called on me: said the
feeling was unanimous in my favor
& they did hope that I would give a
call should they extend me one an
earnest & prayerful consideration
One of them said they had heard I wished
to go abroad & that I should have six
months and my expenses paid if I
felt that I must go - It is the oldest
church in the city - the 2 other congrega-
-tional churches have gone off from
it - There is a good deal of wealth in it
they have just laid out 1200 dollars in
in repairs upon it - But do you ask
me what I am going to do? I cannot tell
the circumstances are some what
peculiar - it seems to me on many
accounts a desirable situation for a

young man - then there are reasons
against it - How hard it is to be a
man and decide such questions -
How I tremble at the responsibility -
Dad father got home & so will ^{he} be
kind enough to aid me by his
wisdom - Tell me what I ought to
learn in regard to the society - what
questions I should ask that I may
be fully made acquainted with the
state both of the church & society - They
of their own accord have voted a
vacation of 4 sabbaths a year - I want
to know what I should look at as
matters of first moment - I am only
anxious to do my duty - to go where God
seems to call - I like the people much
they seem kind & good - They say they are
willing to harbor a young man & I
may exchange as often as I please -
There are a good number of active
young men in the church and all
promise every aid - These are the good
things - The bad are such as would be of

course in such a city as Lowell - there
are within the reach of that church 300
young men" - Now a few lines from
you might be invaluab^{le} at this time
to Jonathan for I know nothing what
are the most important points to direct
him to look at - We are all as usual
and do hope you will come home
before long - Love to all - I feel exceedingly
anxious about you don't believe you
are able to be from home - Deborah
Lyman's baby is weeks older than Amelia's
was married yesterday - Mr Judson Root
is very near his end

Your affec^t wife

Amelia Doole

Mrs A. L. Foster
letter

New Haven May 29 / 55

My dear husband,

It is now over a month since we have heard a word directly from you - one newspaper from Barraboo has come in the time - it was eleven weeks yesterday since you left home - not hearing we have confidently expected you for the two last weeks - as you intimated in your last that you should soon turn your face toward home - Samuel & Horace were both here last week and I am afraid from what they say that you have been a good deal worried & perplexed - and very asthmatic with all of depressed in spirits - Now I do beg of you to leave your childrens worldly cares behind - forth for them to manage - our children must have their ups & downs in life as well as others - and for myself I feel that their spiritual interests are in greater jeopardy than their temporal - and it certainly is not worth while to wish for us

To allow our own souls to be darkened
clouded and bewildered just as we are
making our way into eternity - let us see
to it that the world does not cheat ^{us} out of our
hope of Heaven & those around us of our
example of Christian faith and patience -
I concluded to write a line and
send to Jamestown for Horace seemed
to think you would be there this week -
I have had another letter from Mrs. Libby
urging your going on to Portland with
me the second week in June when the
Moine general conference meets in Dr.
Swights Church - I presume it would do
us both good to be there and get our minds
drawn away from these mountains of cares
to higher & better things - I do hope you will
make the best of your way home for I don't
believe you are able to be away - & I have no
doubt you are more comfortable & tranquil
at home than you are any where else - You
have taken no notice of my letters - but still
I think best to write and let you know how

anxious we all are about you & how ^{sure} ^{we} ^{de}
to hear from you & have you at home - I
have had what I suppose has been a se-
-vere influenza most of the time since
you left in addition to a great deal of
pain in my chest & left breast - for some
weeks I coughed night & day - which brought
on severe nervous headaches - & for some
time I almost lost my voice - I am a good
deal better - cough but little nights & feel
better - tho' the fullness at my chest & sore
throat continue to trouble me & I am con-
-stantly hacking particularly if I talk - we
need these breakings down - to lead us to
look to another & better world for our rest.
Jonathan has been at Andover some weeks
likes much - is preaching at Lowell - Amelia
looks thin & pale but don't complain - she
has a very quiet baby - Anna says grandpa
gone to see little cousins - will home see
Anna - Mr. Judson Root has had this
same influenza - is better - still many of his
friends fear he going down in consumption
he is exceedingly feeble - has no strength -

Samuel told me he expected when he left
home that Elisabeth would come on as far
as Jamestown with you - he seemed very
anxious about her - said her health was
very poor & that if she did not come with you
he should bring her on soon & spend a few
weeks traveling with her for her health - I
hope she is not going to be laid aside from the
care of her children & family - Give much
love to Mary Ann & children - I have felt
almost reluctant to have them go farther off
but suppose it will be best - The children
must write Uncle Jonathon a letter and
direct it to him at Bridover - he would
like very much to get a letter from them -
as also would their grandmother -
I hope you will send us a line when
you get this if it is only to say you are
alive - love to all friends

Your affect wife
Annlic S. de Boote

will prefer to retain an interest in the
note if I take it on the Cash at \$100.
If I take the note under
the circumstances I will advance the
money if preferred by you
I am suffering most

severely with my limbs. Should be glad to
hear from you at different points this winter
provided you have the leisure & I would
indicate where they would hit me
with kind regards to Mrs
Stote, Ed & all the family I remain
Truly yours
A. A. Loring

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Warren Penn^a Nov. 11. 1857

My Dear Sir

Just as I was leaving home I saw
(the balance of the Quigley mortgage) and felt
I required it - about \$100 - your interest being
one third would be \$166 - for which please find
my draft above - I was afraid to enclose
you the Currency - I am this far on my
way South - have found business that will
delay me several days in this country - Kennerly
& Clarion - I will reach Cincinnati I hope
about the 25th Inst. - I would like to hear
from you then to the care of J. S. Wayne Merch^t
I write you soon after my

Letter from New York I have received no
reply - In relation to our title interest
in the Halcom purchased five years ago - I
am disposed to close it in some way - Old
Mr Halcom is dead & his wife - died a lunatic
& the property has been sold for taxes -

I can close it at \$200 Cash
for our interest (viz \$100 each) - or for a rather
doubtful note due next July for \$275 - or
Pennsylv: note - I shall take the liberty
of closing it in some way before leaving - I
am not determined here -

You may intimate to
me in letter to Cincinnati whether you

N. A. Lowrey Esq
from Warren Pe
with draft \$169. balance
due me on Zigley
mortgage of Patton NY
Nov 11/51

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Secretary's Office

Albany, Feb. 18 1855

Sir:

The following vols of
the Colonial Documents of
New York have at different times
been forwarded to you. vol 1,
. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 9

Will you inform
me whether they have reached
you safely?

Yours

S. B. Woodworth

Secy

P. H. Hickox

Mr C. F. Foote

New Haven

S. B. Woolworth
Secy Bd Regents
Albany Feb. 18/58

asks if I have received
certain vols due him

My de - I say yes
Feb. 20/58

County Eatons Pallid

Mayville, July 24/58

Hon E D Foot

Dear Sir

Knowing with what interest you pursue every thing connected with the early history of this county, I enclose to you a speech by David Custon, Esq, on the early settlement of Portland.

The citizens of our place remain much as when you were here, except that Whollow is no more. Judge Osborn & Peacock are both in usual health, though I think the former has never shown so marked signs of giving out as he has the past year.

The season with us is fully up to the usual standard, & crops are looking well. Very good & well remain thus for
Yours truly
John J Phelps

John F Phelps Esq
forward me David
Eaton Esq Early his
story of Portland NY
July 24 1858

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Fredonia July 20. 1858

Hon. & Dear Sir

Your 2 letters of 4. & 8. Mch last have remained unanswer'd to this time, & although I have since seen you; they will furnish occasion to say what I desire to, in relation to several matters - I enclose you a sketch, such as you spoke of in your last.

I have consented, though reluctantly to undertake to write & in good part re-write the history of this Co. Mr McKinstry has undertaken to get it out, but first thought the ensuing autumn or winter would be as late as it would be best to issue it - but on looking over the ground, it has been thought best to defer issuing until another season, & perhaps a year from

the coming winter, & in the mean
time attend more carefully & di-
ligently, to collecting the materials
for a more ample work. If I had
nothing else to do, it would be as
pleasant a business for a year, as
I could choose, but to spend a day
or 2, & get well, to going, & then break
off for a week or a month in dis-
trusting professional pursuits, is
not only unprofitable & unpleasant,
but serves to mar the continuity
of the work, & results in a much
less perfect compilation than I
should otherwise be able to make.
But I will do the best I can - & to
avoid myself of your labors, as far
as is practicable, I now think will
spend some time with you at
some period; before the materials
are digested, & assist you in
gleaning from your collections
what you may think proper to be

how used - It is probable that I
shall go to Conn. before long, & if I do,
shall endeavor to make but one
journey - My wife has been in
Seymour since the middle of June
assisting to take care of her Father -
She will remain as long as he lives,
& then bring him here for interment -
She may come home, & return again,
if she can be assured that he would
probably live while she is away - If
she returns here during his life, it
will be about the 20 Aug. - As he
continues to fail, & becomes con-
fined to his bed, it will require
the aid of some man to take care
of him, & as it is not now a very
busy time, I have thought I should
go down, & stay awhile, & see to
matters there, & take occasion
while there, to see you - Then ^{are}
also some matters, but how ex-
tensive I do not know, relating to

E. F. Warrers Esqr
July 20 1888

the remains of ancient inhabitants
in this country, in the collections of
the American Antiquarian Society
in Worcester Mass - They were col-
lected by a cousin of mine while on
a tour through this country, as
early as 1825, 26, & perhaps a little
earlier - The exact date I have not
got - They were communicated to
the National Regis, a newspaper
then published in Worcester - This
cousin was C. C. Baldwin, he was
Secretary to the Society, & is since
dead, was killed while making
a tour in Ohio - I remember well
the visit he made to this Co. & the
interest he took in the remains
found there, especially in the
Cocodaga valley, His observations
& descriptions I presume are pre-
served in the collections of the A.
A. Society - I could search out
what can be found there, I think

2^o Sheet

without much trouble - Yet I am not now able to say when I can go, or how long I can stay - but can see the necessity of going down at some period, connected with the compilation of this work, to get what materials are there, & the benefit of your suggestions & advice in the matter -

There is another matter I wish to say a word about, & have a request to make in relation to it - My wife would like to see you at Seymour. I wish you would go over as soon as you can make it convenient - She would like to come home, but is not willing to leave her Father if there is danger of his dropping off, in her absence - She wants to be here on the 24th Aug. & a few days previous if she can safely leave - She does not wish her Father to

know that you go for any such purpose,
but would prefer that he should be left
to infer, if it is proper, that your call
is either of a friendly character, or ac-
cidental - She wants to be advised,
from your seeing him, & ascertaining
the progress & present condition of his
malady, how long he will probably
hold out, with a view, as well to
her coming home, as to my going
there - She does not wish to leave
him at all, unless it would probably
be safe, & that she would find him alive
on her return - She wishes to be here
on the day, I have named on account
of a contemplated wedding in our
family - There is another matter about
which I wish you to examine & advise
her, & prescribe for her - In March last
she was taken violently sick, with vom-
iting, diarrhoea, &c. which was very se-
vere, & protracted - It yielded to medi-
cal treatment, but has recurred often

Coim, both before & since she left here
in June. At first it was said to be her
2^d climacteric - This was probably true,
but was not all - The last physician
who prescribed for her before she left,
said the matter thrown upon her
stomach, was in part pus - indicating
an inflammation of the stomach in some
of its parts. This was an unfavorable
state of things - She is suffering from
a recurrence of this vomiting occa-
sionally now - & may need treatment
beyond what she is receiving - She
took some medicines with her, but
says they have lost their force on her,
or she has lost her confidence in them.

I wish you to examine her case
carefully, & tell her, or write me
if you have time, what you think
of her, & also of her Father - If it
shall be necessary or proper, I wish
you would repeat your visit, & I will
satisfy you, not expecting or desiring

that in this respect you should
do otherwise by me, than others for
whom you should under like pro-
fessional assistance.

Our friend Whallon, with whom
we took tea at our last interview
has been called suddenly away -
his plan must be filled.

You incurred a trifling expense
for me at your Clerk's office. I
omit enclosed what will make you
whole on that score.

I shall be glad to hear from
you, when it will suit your
convenience to write, relating to
all the matters I have mentioned,
& should like to know if your con-
template being absent, during the
winter or autumn, so that I
might govern my going down by
your convenience.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Warner

New Haven Ct
July 24/59

John G. W. Patterson
My Dear Sir

Long since received

your kind letter concerning the
relation to a connection of the
disposition of the Co. relative to
my packet for the court room.
I delayed answering

at length, partly because from the com-
mittee, but I have not yet heard a word
from them, or either of them

Permit me to assure you most
unfrequently I feel deeply desirable
and grateful not only for the links
help of the board, but for your personal
aid for the infant your magnificent
on the question, and also for the spirit of
your letter. It keeps me under in even
ing obligation to you as on the present

I was in N York last week, on
business, and spent three days there.

I called at Mr Phillips room, in
business hours, daily but did not
find him in, or any card announ-
cing his whereabouts. On my 3^d &
last call, I inquired of a person in
a room on the same floor, who in-
formed me he understood he had
gone to Rochester for some weeks.

I called at other studios but
made no engagement. Indeed,
I wish to leave the entire matter
to the supervisors & their Committee

I shall be perfectly satisfied with
such a portrait and frame as you
would approve. I have not seen

Mr Phillips for many years and do not
recollect ever seeing any of his portraits.

Kind regard to Miss Patterson & believe

Sincerely yours

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

E. J. Foster

E. W. Foose
Jan 24, 1859.

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Delavan House

Albany Apr 19. 1859

My Dear Sir

I have this moment rec^d. your favor of yesterday and have answered by Telegraph to "suit yourself and the Judge, make a good one"

I understand that the Committee of the Board made an arrangement with you to paint Judge Foot's portrait for \$100, and all that is entrusted to me is to see that it is a good one, therefore I will advise that you give him a portrait that will be a good advertisement

for you. If you can
make it look better with
hands, I would put them
on, otherwise I would
leave them off.

I have heard nothing
about size, but were I in
your place, it would be
like mine at Morrisons.
The canvas will not cost
much more, and you
can paint the extra size
without much trouble.
Don't get the background
too dark.

Very Truly Yours
Geo. W. Patterson

John Phillips Esq
Care Hon E. P. Fiske's
New Haven
Conn

To
John Phillips
Apr 19. 1859

Portrait of
Judge E T Fiske
in Mayville
Court House

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Jamertown, May 2, 1859

Dear Lodge—

Your letter came well to hand. I went to Mr. Stetson and suggested the corrections which you desired. Your article has since appeared in both our village and by perusing other papers, and I doubt not will be extensively read.

The building which stood where the present Allen House now stands, was erected in the Autumn of 1815, and completed the following year. According to information derived from Col. Augustus F. Allen, the upright portion of it was forty feet square. Attached was a wing extending Eastward on Third Street ^{four} feet narrower than the main building, fifty five feet. East of this was a shed extending to the Alley. Both parts of the structure were two stories high. The upright had a square roof. The front and north side were painted white—the other sides, red. The house was built by Mr. Horatio Dix. It was torn down by the brothers Augustus F. and Darius Allen in 1846. The internal arrangement I presume you do not desire. I asked Col. Allen if he knew of a drawing of the building, but he replied in the negative.

We have fine weather here for the present, and farmers seem to be very busy in getting in their crops—

Yours Truly

Asaph Rhodes.

From Morrow Lowry Senr of Mercer Co D 1852. This
is his own statement by his amanuensis and although then
aged I have confidence in its general truthfulness. He and
his mother & brother suffered dreadfully
E. J. Foote
Clarksville Mercer Co Pa
July 19, 1857

I am a native of Ireland. was born in County Down
Artonards, Grady Parish. When my Father died. His name was
Hugh Senr of John Lowry. My Mother's name was Margaret. She
with her sons emigrated to the United States when she was
years of age. My eldest brother name was Samuel. I come
fourth. My brothers fourth and fifth (twins) Robert & James, sixth
Andrew, seventh William, eighth George, ninth Alexander, I being
the youngest. We landed near Philadelphia. (cannot recollect the place
in the year 1786. I remained here until the first winter
after we lived in Cumberland, Pa. In the following Spring we
removed to Northumberland Co. Pa. where we remained until
the Spring of '96" when we again removed to Allegheny Co
14 miles East of where the City of Erie now stands on the lake
shore at what is called the "Sixty Mile Bend". My Brothers
and myself made improvements at that place in the
year 1795 and took up some 30 tracts of land. We got
our titles for thirteen tracts of Thomas Ross who was agent
for the Population Company and District Surveyor. We entered
for our lands with Mr Ross in the year 1795. My mother lived
to this point in '97. At the time we settled there there was not a
white man living nearer than Germans Coast on the Susquehanna
River. The nearest settlements south was Pittsburgh and West
Detroit. In the year 1799 I hunted for my horses and found
them where the city of Buffalo now is, at that time there was
but one white man there. We resided on our lands and
continued it in peace until Collins (Sabers) and Coth (Agents)
(or said to be) of the Holland Land Company some two or three
years after we had settled and made large improvements. Com-
menced their riotous proceedings against us taking us 13
counts to Pittsburgh. But they were defeated. The Surveyor
then ordered without hearing the Box. No cause of action. The
Case was so clear. They then sent a writ of Ejectment upon

us and took us to Philadelphia. I attended 6 different times six
weeks at a time. The last Court I attended they adjourned
for about six weeks I went to Hagerstown and was taken
six times and was told by the company that they had agreed
to pay all costs and discontinue the suit - Think I was made
sure: I am somewhat satisfied but soon learned that the next
Court they had obtained judgment by default: They then issued
a writ to dispossess us. Then Deputy Marshall (said to be)
Robert Irwin came when I was alone in the house. My
wife and children being out. I would not give possession
he returned the writ and I was taken for contempt
of Court. We then had more than one hundred and sixty
acres of clear land. In clearing fifty acres of this my
share cost me \$20. per Acre. Post 50¢ per ft - 1 Bushel \$1.00
Per 31 and other articles in proportion. I was then
taken to the Federal Court at Philadelphia my
brothers John and Andrew was taken with me. Brother
James was taken by the Marshall and left in Meadell
Sail. My wife taken to One and then kept in Jail about
one week in close confinement then to Meadell and
then kept in Jail about the same length of time. Then to
Pittsburgh and kept in Jail about two months and then
to Philadelphia under a guard and then kept in Jail in close
confinement until the Court sits. Then taken to the Court House
where Geo W. Dallas, Attorney General addressed me inquiring
who my council was. I told him I expected he would be
he said no. I am against you. I replied. You should be
for me for I am standing up for the laws of the United
States and the laws of Pennsylvania, and it has at
right to sell its soil to whom it pleases and this Court
has no jurisdiction over it, and I consider me as fully
imprisoned. Bushrow Washington was then Judge he
enquired if this was in one to volunteer this service as
Council. Then man was who volunteered but in the course of

our trial. Brothers soon requested them for the love of truth to
set down for they spoke two words against us to one for us.

When the Judge came to give the Jury his Charge he said he
would make the fine as light as possible for he was one of vice
opinion. We were accordingly fined Twenty Dollars each
all costs of prosecution and three months imprisonment and
to stand committed until the sentence was complied with.

Thomas Jefferson was then President of the United States
upon being made acquainted with our situation he sent us
a full release by issuing a Proclamation that John Andrew
and Monroe Gony should be released and sent home for
vinal good reasons well known to himself. When I was
in Jail my wife gave birth to a son that on my return I named
the Jefferson. When this child was seven weeks old my wife left
him and four other children with a nurse to visit me in Philad^a
on her back alone through an almost trackless Wilderness
forty miles of her route was without a single white inhabitant
swimming streams and crossing Mountains. I had been released
and had left ^{for} home by the New State Road she going by
Pittsburg. I missed her, came home and found all
gone but my wife and five children. Soon after my coming
they threw my wife and children out of doors, took all my
crops and in that way have kept possession ever since
of ^{of payment & are a fallen 19} Three Thousand Acres of Land at the

place of first settling now Northeastern Erie County then
Allegheny Co. The State has got a large amount of
money from my brother and myself in debt to
Northwestern Pennsylvania. Penetrated an unbroken Wild-
erness being surrounded by Indians and wild Beasts
Expecting one day to enjoy the fruits of our labor, but
alas for us we have all been driven away from our homes
without the slightest remuneration for all our sufferings
and privations - My Mother and Brothers are all dead

After being driven from our homes we were scattered over the world
My Mother lived at Mayville Chautauque Co. N.Y. Bro Samuel
relocated to Northumberland Co Pa and lived there. Hugh lived in
Union Co Pa, John in North East Dist Co, Robert in Erie Co, James
in McAdams Crawford Co Pa, Allan in Greene Co Pa,
William in Chautauque Co N.Y. Geo in Illinois Alexander in
Chautauque Co N.Y. I am now a resident of Blairsville
Mercer Co Pa. am 78 Years old. The exact time and place
of my Brothers Aisac I cannot recollect in fact nothing
know of. My first wife's name was Ann Bond sixth daughter
of James and Elizabeth Bond. was married July 5. 1798. died Jan'y
15. 1824 of Consumption after an illness of three Years. by her
I had seven Sons and three Daughters. Four to her ashes

I married my second wife Polly Gibson Aug 4. 1824 eldest
daughter of Andrew and Ann Gibson of Crawford Co Pa. by
her I had three Sons making a family of the same number
of Boys that my Mother had when she emigrated to this
Country. She had ten Sons and buried one daughter
at the age of seven Years previous to her Emigration

I have had ten Sons and three Daughters. All have
lived to be Men and Women. Three of the thirteen have
been taken home. the rest are in good health Thank God

Miriam Lewis

James Town Nov 11 1839
Hon. E. T. Fort

Dear Sir

I received your
books just at election time when
I was most busily employed about
the Registry. I have now put on all
the labels, arranged the books in their
places, and brought every thing to the
most perfect order. You forgot the label
for the school record and the stamp
for the books.

I shall present the bills to the
Board at the next meeting. Every
body seems to be pleased with the present
state of the clerks office. And this town
is or ought to be very grateful to you for
the interest you have taken in its
affairs. With the kindest remembrance
of the friends close to myself in former
times I remain your Respectedly
Wm. H. H. H.

W. C. J. Hall
relative to the
books for Iron Office
&c Nov^r 11th / 59.

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Docketon Chautauque Board, Jan. 9, 1860.

Hon. E. J. Foote

Dear Sir, Please receive my heart
felt thanks for a copy of the discourse of the Rev. Dr.
Bacon of your city.

It is most cheering and
gratifying in the present time of alarm and
political excitement to find men of sufficient
moral courage who dare speak the word of
truth in sober and judicious language of
the present day and usually of a far different
character bearing with them the weight of slavery
upon our Southern brethren and the most hard
pictures of Negro Slavery. You will not think
that I intend to speak indiscriminately of a clergy.
No for for it they are mostly men of good
attainments and not a few, of superior ability.
We concede their right and their duty
always to conscientious. But do not torment
me by influencing and exciting the public mind
upon this all absorbing subject!

Your Letter and
the recent letter of the Rev. Theodore Parker and
the Thesis laid down by that gentleman by
which to govern the actions of men in this
Country. Considering the superior talents and
ability of that gentleman, - were they I must

be permitted to say to their his propositions to
we live of the very principles of a Democratic
government. Nor is this all. Do they not tend
to incite insurrection and civil bloodshed for the
well or country and rebellion? It is against
the clergy of this class that I would object and
there not the men but their principles. It is
much to be desired that our men of ability
and experience who are misguidably led
from the entanglement of political parties
will rise up in judgment against this
wicked and perverse generation and condemn
it.

Now will please pardon me for
making myself thus free in the expression
of a very few secret wants that are en-
gaging the serious attention of every
countryman from Maine to Texas. Your
unabated zeal and watchful care over
the interest and welfare of our country
have led us all to cherish you as
our father friend and brother.

Very Respectfully Yours, &c.

Hon. E. T. Fiske
New Haven, Conn.

J. S. Bugbee

Judge L. Ruggles
Stockton N.Y.
Jan 4 1860

I had sent him
one of W. Bacon
thanksgiving for
news

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Dorville Feb 15/60

Now

E. J. Fote

My Dear Sir,

Your kind favors
of the 10th came safe to hand last evening
I hasten to satisfy your inquiries & to state
We have a day school but no sabbath
school for the reason that our family
& children is so irregular we have
now about 30 children in regular
attendance at our day school. In
two months we may not have 5
& probably not 10. Children accumulated
on our hands during the winter season
to be dispersed in the spring. We have
been for months together here without
our child capable of being improved
by educational opportunities. The deman-
-nd for labor in the rural districts
is so good that we are always able

to keep our family of children very
small & their subject to such constant
change as to thwart any very efficient
results from sabbath school efforts. I most
heartily coincide with your views and
sympathies most deeply in your sentiments
as to the moral training of the youth.
Among all my complicated duties I
regard the most sacred trust committed
to my care the disposition of my chil-
-dren, & the one that rests with the most
impressive weight upon my mind.
In finding situations for our children the
simple idea of relieving charity of the
load of their support never influences
my acts but my object is to place them
where their education will consist of
cultivated minds & correct morals &
religious training that they may grow
up with character fit to meet the
responsibility of citizens of a free govern-
-ment. I take no Eastern paper but
the Tribune & there is no reading mate

in the house that belongs to it but
such as occasionally comes with a
paper, & that is some old book hard
ly readable & that the owner always keeps
control of. Our Superintendents are
Nicholas Tappan Westfield
Charles A. Spicer Cherry Creek
Luke Brown Mines

I feel the importance and timeliness
of the exhortation to be constant in
our efforts to do good, not only to the body,
but to souls of men, & also feel the
need of constant supply of grace and
the direction of Divine wisdom that
I make this institution what it was
designed to be a practical exempli-
fication of the most excellent of Chris-
tian virtues Clarity And now my son
son, in as much as I know that
you frequently visit our country &
from the interest you take in
our welfare am emboldened to
invite you to make us a

visit and furnish us an opportunity
to enjoy the pleasure of your personal
acquaintance. I have known you
well by sight for the last 22 years
but never ^{had} the pleasure of a personal
acquaintance and that will
enable you to judge of the manner
in which things are done here
& whether charity as administered
at this institution is in accordance
with the high aim that dictates
it. It will afford us great pleasure
to bid you a hearty welcome
to our home at any time
with sentiments of kind regards
I am a friend

J. G. Palmer

Feb 15 1860

J. G. Palmer
Baltimore, Md

My Eric Robb

Receipt

Boef books for
County House
Dartmouth

might 140th
sent freight free

July 25th 1860

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obey
E. J. York
for the receipt

Received, NEW YORK Feb. 25th 1860
in good order, from ~~HENRY SPAULDING~~, on
board N. York & Erie RR

the undermentioned property:

MARKED:

J. G. Palmer
for County House

Dewittville N.Y.

Via N.Y. & Erie RR

Lake Shore RR to Westfield

Care Mr. Gifford Mayville

~~Box Books~~

The above box contained books
for the Chautauqua County Poor
house that I have procured from
Prosevalent Societies persons as
a donation ^{my own contributions} for the poor. We
number now 184 in number
it weighs 240^{lb}. Will you please
not give it a free pass & send

Nicholas Kepler Esq
Superintendent Post Office
Westfield May 26/60

Westfield May 26th/60

C. F. Froth Esq

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 24th is before me duly received. And it is but reasonable for me to respond by writing to you. It is very gratifying to my feelings to know, that you Sir, have such a deep feeling & interest in the unfortunate and fallen poor. Whatever may have been their former life & however debased they may be at the present time Christians owe them a duty. The Gospel should be faithfully preached to them the bible should be read & explained to them prayer should be offered in their behalf & all the instrumentalities & means of grace that God has favoured this sin stricken world with, should be used to reclaim them from their vices & intemperance. The Library you have furnished them

The religious papers & reading of the right-
Character for Millions all have a tendency
to correct habits & lead to a better life
My experience of six years at the County
House has convince me of all that I have
now written, during that time I made as
fable as it may have seemed to me an effort
as often as once a week & upon every bury-
ing occasion to enforce the Scriptures of
Divine Truth upon their minds & for their
consideration. I have also the satisfaction
to know that labour is not altogether
lost. I have seen the power of God move
the heart of the ^{man} of 70 years & bring him
to the foot of the cross & embrace the
faith of the gospel, & rejoice in a saving
love the poor old man had been intem-
perate for over 40 yrs I see him also die
in the ~~triumph~~ triumph of faith, & in hope
of a bliss immortality. Again I know
others who are in such fellowship and
Christian communion of the same body
of Christians to which I am united

who are ornaments to the Christian Pro-
fession who were converted at the
institution of the poor God is not con-
vinced to means or place in leading the
erring to himself. I hope sir that the effort
that has been made & the effort that is
being now made may lead men and
women however vile to God

The suggestion you made likewise in re-
gard to bringing water through the work
room or some convenient place - I have often
spoken of & I think I renewed it to Mr
Palmer at my last visit at the County house
I think sir it is what is needed at such
an institution, there should be a bathing
room attached to the insane department
at the same time. I also believe that houses
erected for the poor & sick should be
with ^{out} ventilation & ^{that} should be in the wall
or roof of every building. For I know that
it is very difficult to ventilate by a
window at the poor house My health
was not been good this Spring If I was

well Sir I would be very happy
to meet you at the poor house one
week from next Sabbath. & join in
the services of the occasion

I think Sir I shall be at Mayvite
if well enough on Monday of court
week & shall be happy to meet you
then I assure you Sir that I was very
happy to hear from you & shall seek
for a more intimate acquaintance
with you. write again,

Respectfully yours
Nicholas ^{by} Kipke

C. F. Foot.

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J G Palmer Esq
letter
Mr Lewis Libran
Taylor Sunday School
Library

Dr Wittville July 19/60

Dear Mr Foote

My dear son, yours of the 12th inst was duly recd, it found us as you left us blessed with health & innumerable other blessings for which we desire to be becomingly thankful. We are now some what past the middle of our haying, we have had a good season thus far for getting it, and the crop is abundant. It is raining to day and is very timely, although nothing has suffered of drought.

All the books & cards forwarded have been received together with the Linnatick reports. The cards are hung up in the school room and the books are well read. The children have been faithful in their application to the sabbath school lessons and 9 of them have completed

and recited the sermon on the ^{ground} ~~ground~~
verbation from end to end, upon
which I gave them the testament
with their name inscribed in it,
and a statement that it was given
by Hon. Wm. Foote, as a reward for
committing to memory Christ's sermon on
the mount, together with the age.
To the above no. several will
be added this week, some have
left who would have been through
before this time; and in singing you
would be perfectly astonished to
see how now - The children all sing
and several of the adults they sing
in school, then collect in groups on
the Plaza in the yards and indeed
every where music seems to have
become a passion & Wife has led
off in the matter. She goes to the school
room twice a day, and spends some
time with the school; and I am
perfectly astonished at the result

Mr. Post-Fenton visited us the next
sabbath after you left here, & again
in 3 weeks, accompanied by Mr. W. Hall
They professed to have had a very pleas-
-ant time with the children and thought
they were doing well: They promised to come
again. Mr. Safely's meetings with
us as usual. Mr. Taylor's health is very
much improved & continues faithful
to his trust, he has the charge of Sunday
school library. Mr. Lewis & the other, and
they are both having good care,
& are doing much good. They are
indeed great blessings to our institution
I apprehend such as no other Poor-houses
in the state enjoys. With regard to
your suggestion as to repeating the Lord's
prayer at the table, we have adopted
a compromise. You recollect we
had our long table entirely filled
with children - the same that we had
in our sabbath school - this we have
perpet the Lord's prayer before eating.

taking turns in the square corners
- in) at the head, and going round the
table - one in the morning, another at
noon, and a third at night - and so
on around the table - and the little
creatures enter into it, with more of
a show of reverence than perhaps
you would think. They remember well
their turn and are prompt in their
duty - they all collect around the
table as quietly as could be ex-
pected, clasp their hands, resty them
on the table until their service is
over, and then go quietly to
eating. I could have carried out the
other but I dried the thought of make-
ing in this matters. The Superintendents have
been here - they wished me to say that
they should hold no suggestion under
Advisement - that they thought favorable
of them; and also to reciprocate your kind
regards - as indeed do we all
Very respectfully your friend
J. Palmist

Sevierville Aug 24 1866

James Leavelle
County Librarian
Sevierville
Tennessee

Dear friend

I am still in the poor house when you
 saw me at the time of your last visit to this County.
 My health is much better than it was at that
 time. Morally I am not much if any better than
 was then. Still I am not willing to admit that
 I am any worse. I still hold the post of Librarian
 these change of the books & other reading matter pro-
 cured for us by your kind efforts. I am better
 acquainted with the books now & I am better ac-
 quainted with the wants of our readers too than
 I was at the time we set up the Library of course
 I am better prepared to talk about it - I am led
 to think that money laid out for books "that is good
 books" to be used in such a place as this is a
 good investment at all events. I am satisfied it
 is working a happy influence upon the minds
 of the inmates of this Institution. I think too
 that as far as they go a better selection of
 books & other reading matter could not have
 been made. I observe however that Standard Biographies
 of good men and good women are preferred
 by most of our readers. Still some of them will
 read any thing in the shape of a book & I do
 the best I can under the circumstances to
 accommodate all. I can have almost
 any book read I choose to have read by just
 taking it out and reading it myself & if
 they see me reading it rather attentively they
 seem to think there is something about it
 worthy of notice at least & no matter what
 it is I will have a dozen applications for
 it before I get through with it. Almost
 all of the "books" in the Library have been

read by all sorts of men and do read such of them
as cannot read at all are beginning to speak more
respectfully of Books than they did at first.

I frequently hear them regret that they cannot
read. Mr. Stone persons at first ridiculed the
the thing & said Judge Hoite had better left
his books at home & bought a keg of butter or
something for them eat. I hear nothing of that
now. They take good care of the books and
return them at the proper time & in good con-
-dition. There is not a single volume missing.

Our friend Taylor is doing well in his place.
It is true that he is not a man of great nat-
-ural abilities nor so he a learned man yet
I think he is "morally inclined" and is doing
more good here than he would any where else.
The children are doing very well.

Our Sunday school is the best thing we have.
It is kept up regularly. The children and many
of the older ones meet every Sunday. It is
opened with prayer - after reading a few chap-
-ters of the scriptures by Mr. Palmer of at home
if he is absent by Mr. Howe. Then the
children recite their lesson which they do
admirably well. Many of the smallest of them
have long since committed the lesson on the
Mount so "they can say it without missing a
word". Our meetings are both interesting &
profitable. Mr. Schofield comes up every
fortnight & talks for us & he is just the man
for this place - although he may not be
quite as fluent as a Bacon or a Beecher
yet he is a good man, a truly pious man.
I think it seems to know well how to
get & keep the right side of the folks here.

- Our keeper too is a good man not only
as a keeper of a poor house for which he is
remarkably well qualified but also I think
a Christian and a gentleman. He is
now on a business tour to the west where
he has been for about three weeks - we are
looking for him home to day. We heard
from him a few days ago. He was well.
Mrs Pabner is with us. She is well
& sends to you her best wishes for your
welfare. Mrs Pabner is an excellent lady
& fills her place in the management of
matters here in a way that seems to mesh
with with the approval of the inmates
generally - which is certainly a very difficult
task to perform and the interest that
feel in the well being of all especially the
unfortunate little children is highly com-
mendable - Our beds & clothing are kept
clean - our rooms are clean & tolerably well
ventilated. still I think we have need
of improvement in that respect - & they are
talking of making some alterations this
fall. They have the lumber here now
- I came very near forgetting our friend
Mrs Belnap the Assistant keeper - she
is certainly a very worthy woman & I
think a consistent Christian if there is
one in the world - always ready to at-
-tend to the calls of the needy & relieve the
distressed - she waits upon the sick with
a degree of tenderness that is truly commenda-
ble - she has been quite sick herself for
a few days past - but she is much better
this morning - little Frank is well

Judge Green of Fredonia is dead & buried.
Mrs Palmer attended his funeral - He was
her nephew - Our friend Finton has made
us one visit since you were here. He brought
Mr. Wall the Jamestown vocalist with him.
We had a pleasant time with them -

They promised to call again & we are looking
for them soon - They don't appear to quibble
much on the use of tobacco they seem to think
it would be dreadful to be deprived of such
a luxury. We have had almost no sickness
at all this summer - Dr. Thomas calls on us
as often as once or twice a week - I am in-
clined to think he is a skillful Physician
and quite as careful and attentive to his
patients in the poor house as out of it -

The Doctor appears to be kind hearted &
quite a gentleman. "I like the Doctor," I like
Palmer too, as a keeper of such a place
as this "he can't be beat - easy. He is a good
practical farmer - Every thing on the farm
looks first rate. They nearly done with hay
and harvesting. We are receiving papers &
other reading matter from you every week
or so for which & for all you have so kindly
done for us accept our sincere thanks

Write Judge if you can find time. We
want to hear ^{from you}. Tell some good City Publisher
to send us a paper we don't often see a
New-England paper - If you write I will an-
swer you at any time - I have nothing else
to do - I think I shall be able to get away
from here this fall. I hope so at any rate.

Wm. C. T. Tote

Yours truly,
James Lewis

Westfield Oct 24th 1860
E. H. Froot Esq

Dear Br

Your favour
of the 29th ultimo received and
read it with interest & the more
so from the sincere interest you bear
in unfortunate humanity badly
& sadly fallen but not irrecoverably
so your suggestions of reform as
advisory I will duly consider &
so far as reason judgment policy
& Christianity shall dictate in the
matter I will use my influence to
effect a reform there are some things
at our County House that might
be very much improved & would
add very much to the comfort of
the unfortunate For instance we need
a good Matron to take charge of
the Insane Asylum under the direc-
tion of a kind Keeper At present
some of the inmates treat &

Nicholas Reisker
Superintendent &
Westfield Oct 4/60.
Poor House
Tobacco &
Religious Privileges

Take care of them very liberally
- that to have the mind & adminis-
- in which to such an unfortunate
class, they may even if possibly
might be partially or wholly restor-
ed by giving them necessary treatment
& fine attention & have thought of
laying the matter before the house
of Representatives at an early meeting
for their consideration, your suggestion
to have some one preach to them
as often as circumstances will
be best is right - and I always am
de- when I see such & when I could
have no one to preach I would do
as you have done - read & talk
myself & point them to a pre-
- even I have & try to persuade
them to turn to Christ for help -
I am sure that our present
policy neglects that part of the

Duty. Your Suggestion on Tobacco
in my Judgment is right-if we
could rightly Discriminate I have
thought of it very much And I need
only to be convinced fully how to
get at the thing right-to make me
act. it has some bearings that is
to me difficult to Overcome It is
a filthy habit & an expensive one &
an injurious one I should have been
very happy to have seen you at
My house. I will send you a copy
of the Westfield Paper after the
town fair And also proceedings
of Supervisors after the Journal is
published which will be some-
time in the winter I am entitled
to two copies one as a person &
one as Supt & will send you
one.

Very Respectfully

E. F. Footes
Nicholas Hassler Supt

Nov.

E. T. Foots -

My dear Sir,

Yours of

the 19th came safe to hand, creating in our minds some feelings of disappointment for by it we learned that we were ~~to~~ not to experience the pleasure of a thanksgiving visit from you, as we had fondly anticipated. But your kind remembrance of our children caused their eyes to sparkle with delight & their hearts to rejoice & be glad, that there was one though far away that thought of & cared for them; & the remembrance of this thank-giving - its donation, and the donor, will ~~be remembered~~ will go with them where ere they go, and whatever circumstances may attend them; while they live and it will be one of the events of their childhood about which fond memory will delight to linger. And I have no doubt but the amount

will exert a salutary influence over them
while they live. Judge Foote has become
a household term with our children
& they associate with it, every idea of
goodness! We have prosecuted our sabbat
school arrangements regularly untill our
work up-lead sabbath it was one of the
worst days I ever experienced in Chautauq.
Our day school is in progress as usual
under the care of Mr Taylor, whose health is
tolerably good. Mr Lewis remains here & has
the care of the library as usual. There are
no changes in our family but such as are
usual at all times. Numbers are increasing
some on our hands - We have 185 now,
with daily additions looked for. I have
negligently omitted to send you a county paper,
but presume you have received one contain-
ing the doings of the supervisors - they left
the tobacco question right where they found
it. I asked the superintendents what I should
do they said just as I had done untill
their meeting in January; & then they would

advise me farther. With regard to
the observance of thanksgiving day, Christmas,
new years, & Independence, We never always
observe them - never sitting our board about
any work, any more than the sabbath
& make some extra arrangement for doing
we dont of course prepare a sumptuous
feast but a good substantial dinner,
good enough for any man to sit down to,
which the Supervisors seemed to think sufficient.
They ordered some Sissons to be built
took no action on bringing the water
from the creek. The Supervisors show a commu-
-dible spirit of liberality in their provisions for
the poor; giving all that is asked and
that not grudgingly, & as a Board guardians
of the public interest are entitled to the highest
confidence. The health of our family is good
no acute sickness in the house. Mrs Palmer
Mrs Belnap Frank & Libby all join in kind
regards to you & Mrs

Very respectfully yours
M. Palmer

J. H. Palmeter Esq,
Dec. 1860.

Relative to thoughts
giving & at the
County House Drville
=ville

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Apr. 30
May 28
Nov 25
Dec. 25

From Mrs M^H Hazethine
(Mrs. Honer H.)

Jerreston - Oregon

Jerreston Jan 18, '61

Hon. E. A. Foote

Dear Sir

Our

Village ladies have been very active in their benevolence to the poor. & many cheerless homes have been made bright & hearts gladdened, by judicious timely charities. kindly best wishes.

Still the work of Christian benevolence goes on.

Money is very scarce & the times are very hard, & it is very difficult for the poor to get work

or provisions, & cases of want are multiplied by these circumstances & the rigors of winter weather.

The bare collection supplies sufficient for distribution this year. Your liberal gifts have been gratefully considered.

The Ladies Union Aid Society applied the ten dollars you gave us.

The Society dollars sent for a Thanksgiving gift to the poor, arrived rather late, to be thus applied - & Mr. House still holds it in his hands, awaiting your approval of a plan proposed by him & others, to give the sum over to the Aid Society for the poor - & when he receives a letter from you, with your permission, he will give the money over to us.

Our citizens generally,
highly approve of the operations
of the ladies in caring for the
poor. Thinking charity begins at
home. & that taking care of our
^{own} poor should be the first benevolent
act.

I hope, by this letter, will
to inform you how we are going
on. & to solicit your approval
of the twenty dollars being used
by the Aid Society.

Hoping yourself & family
are well I remain very
respectfully yours

M. C. Fitzgerald

Mrs M. H. Hazeltine
wife Hon Abner Hazeltine
Jonestown Jan'y. 18/61

Answered Feb'y 2 1861

Parolega Springs Aug 24/11
Casper Rouse Esq. atty
was born in Mayville, N.Y. died Dec 12 1812
Dear Sir

When I saw you in
Amestown last fall you requested
me to give you such facts as
I possessed respecting the birth and
death of my brother Casper
Rouse one of the early settlers
of Chautauque County. I should
have wrote you before but I
have been unable until within a
few days to ascertain ^{the time of} his
death

Casper Rouse was a son
of Nathan Rouse of ~~Amestown~~
was born in Pittsford Chautauque
County New York Jan 24th
1786 commenced the study of law
in the office of Berman Knicker-
backer of Sedburgh in
1807. Entered the office of Walter
Wood of Aurora Chautauque Co.

Jan 7 1808. where he completed
his Studies. Went to Moyville
oct 1810 where he settled and
practiced law; was appointed
Master in Chancery 1811. The Post
office was established in Moyville
July 1812 and he was appointed
Post Master. he was a personal
friend of Gen. Tompkins and a strong
supporter of the government and
the war of 1812. I will give
you an extract from one of
his letters "There is a company
of Soldiers at Portland eight
miles from this place and I
have spent a number of days
in exercising them and expect
to spend a part of next
week in that business in order
to introduce that discipline
order which is necessary for
a camp and of which the officers

"
are deficient, a few days
before his death he received the
appointment ^{of Major} in the United States
Service. He died December 25.
1812.

If you should ever make in your
way to visit Saratoga Springs I should
be pleased to have you call on
me. Very Respectfully Your
Sol B. Row

Hon G. S. Toots

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Jail B Rouse
Saratoga Springs
Aug 24 1861
about
Lester Rouse

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J G Palmeter Esq
Dunthville
Dunthville Pitt County

Dunthville Sept 23. /61

Hon

E. T. Foote

My dear Sir you favour of the
was recd late the following Saturday
evening & contents noticed But my an-
gements were made in accordance with
which I started for Pitt on the following
Monday morning & only returned last
Thursday & on Saturday visited Esq
Seaford & obtained from him the
following answers The date of his
appointment as P.M. is June 22 1833
which is also the date of this estab-
lishment of the office & the date of
his commission is Oct 28th 1833
There had been an office previous
to that of Filer Jacks P.M. but it had
been discontinued & was superseded
at the time mentioned at the instance
of Esq Gifford who as Keeper of

of the Poor House required better
mail facilities than they possessed.
without it Mr John Russell
was Mr Scofield's Successor & Mr
David Brown was the Elery. P. M.

Up through the blessing of a very
kind Providence in good health &
have been all most uninterrupted
since you last saw us & in all other
respects enjoying a large share of comfort
prosperity & happiness. Without any particu-
lar news to notice Mrs Betsey Adams
with us & in fact our private family
has had no change.

The Public family as you know
is subject to constant change. Many of
the children are put out a few dead other
left within. Their friends & a few remain
their number augmented by fresh access-
ions. That portion of our family is
about as large as when you last
visited here & the adults about equal
about 185 in all & they are quite

well Mr James Lewis the Librarian
is now teacher our former teacher
Bro Taylor he is listed & given to
the defence of our Capital or
where else ordered I hear, from him
occasionally & that he is well & pleased
with service Broth Sedgwick proceeds
to us as usual I do not know as
I can report any very marked
change in the moral condition of
our large family. They participate
very largely in the excitement incid-
ent to the existing condition of things
& are generally patriots occasionally
a toy amongst them & for instance
the little men who wanted the day
book or weekly news & I am sorry
to say that this class have some
sympathisers in this community
our County Convention comes off
this week Friday which I hope your
suggestion will be carried out
and in all respects a good ticket

made out party lines seem desolately
and every thing contributing in
this one behalf of the maintenance
of the government & Constitution & Laws
But these are fearful times that
we have lived unwisely to see
but I have faith to believe that
Providence has a wise design in it
& that we may yet be able to see
how in this instance he can make
the mouth of man to praise him.
My Wife & Mrs. Betney wish to be
remembered to you.

Most respectfully & obediently
Yours
J. P. Atkinson

To the Superintendents of the Poor of Chautauque Co. N.Y.
Gentlemen

I have lately visited the County House under your charge and spent a Sabbath there with the children in the forenoon & the adults in the afternoon - I was gratified to find the apparatus clean & in good order about the buildings, and the quiet and healthful state of the inmates - I believe they are as well cared for as they well can be - I have occasionally visited other similar institutions, and I have seen no one excelling yours ^{in these particulars} and most of them much inferior to yours in neatness, healthfulness & good order.

The large brick almshouse in the city of New Haven with its appertinences cost I think over thirty thousand dollars is inferior to yours in the qualities I have named, ^{food & living of the} and this ^{inmate} is entirely inferior to yours - The New Haven institution has one advantage over yours in a peculiar point of view from its location in a manufacturing & commercial city - The inmates are furnished by the factories & mechanics with labor they are able to do such as picking oakum, curled hair, fillops for mattresses, carriage makers & and raising garden vegetables for the city market & similar employments by which the inmates collectively are able to pay for their expenses in the institution - In a moral point of view however the secluded & retired location of your institution has a decided advantage - I still wish that tobacco were banished ^{from your institution} except ~~only~~ to the aged who had for a long long period used it or under the advice of the Physician - Much of it is used there in positive injury to the consumers - The improvements you have made about the buildings especially in lodging room for the men & better ventilation is a decided improvement - I still believe ^{that my former suggestion about the} introduction of water for bathing & washing would be a decided improvement ^{for the promotion of} promotion of cleanliness & health & if the labor now used to accomplish these desirable objects were I claim no right to dictate or even suggest to you, still I trust that the reports of my visit & the suggestions I have made will be received in the ^{same} spirit with which they will be received and therefore be acceptable to you

* I trust these labours, & the ^{periodical} ~~Magazine~~ ^{Graduation} sent for the
benefit of the inmates has proved promotion of their morals & in-
fort of ~~them~~ ~~at~~ ~~inmates~~

The Revd Mr Scofield continues to address the inmates ^{of} ~~at~~ ~~inmates~~
every alternate Sabbath gratuitously and I trust with good effect
I should be gratified if the clergy of the various denominations
could be induced gratuitously, in turn, to furnish preaching
alternate Sundays. I believe it would produce a good effect on
the people under your charge

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Copy (last letter)
sent to Superintendent of the
Chautauque County Prison
November 9th 1861

This is called a poor house because the inmates or residents are poor and dependent

Are you all poor? I hope not.

If you are poor you need not be - you may all be rich - yes very rich.

There are 2 kinds of riches:

1st one is the riches of this world. Farms, stock, houses, merchandise, money & perishable riches. ~~For of this world become~~ Very rich in this kind of riches if they do they are liable to lose them in spite of all their efforts & become poor again. This kind of riches only remain in this world. You can not carry a dollar of it out of the world.

2^d There is another & better kind of riches that all ^{may} have if they will. Each one of you can have it. I know you can if you will. It is enduring & you cannot only have it here. No one can rob you of it against your will and you may be continually giving to others & still have a plenty left. All of us hastening to the grave

300 graves near you - all from residents of this house

Do you all love & obey the superintendent & wife & them have but one interest. To be kind to each other. Kindness begets kindness. A loss of our nature. Who do you love most. Why those who have been most kind to you. As faces answers to faces in the water. As iron shapes the iron.

There is a large family of you - your own safety & comfort require neatness. Cleanliness. If not you are liable to have fevers come in & many die! Bothe often, bothe sew as he freely - air your beds & rooms

I have visit many almshouses & poor houses & yours one of the neatest I have ever visited - your food is good

Have you read the book I sent about poor houses & the one at Exampton

Good books & papers provided for you I hope every one of you read your bibles & good books. If any of you cannot read have others read to you

Tobacco I am sorry to see so many use it here.
I wish you would all quit it. It does you
no good - About \$100 a year paid out for your
tobacco - money worse than thrown away

Not 1 in a thousand benefitted & 99 in 100 injured.

Many of your bad feelings come by tobacco

ingef; Palmiter,

you have green or black tea, coffee butter & that is
not furnished in many houses -

I would not give you the tobacco

you did not commence tobacco for any sickness no do
you now use it for sickness but because you love it
Just the same excuse the one has that drinks intemperate
liquors

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Lancaster Dec 2³ 1861

Hon E T Folsom

My Dear Sir

Your favour of 7th inst
is before me and when it came to
my house I was absent to New York

On my return home I delayed
a few days to hope to get your deed

I acknowledge your
liberality to us as a people and I feel
embarrassed that I have not been able
to release your feelings, more but such
is the fact that "one is not as strong as
money" In regard to question of interest
many of us here paid it and the
argument is if we abate from one we
accept to from all, I am assured that
you have often demanded your
due & said the money is ready, but
of course we could not give it
until recently - & most all have paid
their money for the Lots bought & selected.

And the Hands refused to claim
that they had not had. May & the
fact on these nearly all the work
done the past year has been done
for lot holders, & they have paid as
they could agree for the grading &c.
I think you are mistaken in your
idea about a debt accruing for
goods delivered to men - In regard to the
grade being charge against your bill here
regard of the bill & he does not agree with
you not knowing how it was at first I
could not judge - as regards the lot
adjoining, if you done as you stated
and I do not question it, you & I know
of had it, & had I of known it I should
of insisted on it before it was sold & occup-
ied I sincerely regret the Embarrassment
you have had to trouble you, and I hope all
is not chargeable to the Trustees, perhaps to me
but my desire is peace and help and aid
each other along through this life - and
I have enclose the bond of your lot, and
let us from this time begin to recon. & let the
Surfice so far as the lot is concern -

Some Effects - have ever been in the
: right way and how long been enlisted
long before men & there that you have
had to deal with & hence it is that you
ought not to have been embarrassed but
still is that often when we desire to do good
either as a benefactor or otherwise our interests
are often used against us & our feelings of sacreted
as I judge is & has been your experience though
left such is what I have often experienced in
my own case &c. In relation to the Bowley
purchase I have not considered your legally
bound for a dollar had it not been cut
up with coats, I should consider it otherwise
in a moral sense - I hope you will
forget the perplexity ^{of} this country - has pain you
and hunger as the title of your lib is cleared
that you may feel different to the traitors or most
of them & remember your have many strong friends
who ever will be glad to see you - please
remember me to Mrs & also my wife Louis in the
same regard & yourself - I have not time to
examine the letters coming - Yours truly

The Devoly Loh & wife for

A. L. Allen

excellence but will & give you the former course if you desire

You will please see & sign

Your name to the seal left for

You to sign - Also when I am next

will you please signify to me so that

I can leave it with the President of

the association that you have signed

the seal & send the same

Your truly
A. J. Allen

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1002 N. F. Allen
After receiving
cemetery deed of my
lot in foundation

Mr. Hiram and Mrs. Nancy Crosby Kirney.

My dear friends, of more than half a century,

I have just received your kind invitation ^{to me & my wife} to join with you in the celebration of the ~~of the~~ fiftieth year anniversary of your marriage, on the first of January A 1873. I should rejoice to attend the joyous occasion with Mr. Foster, but the distance, the season of the year, and the infirmity of years forbid the pleasure - Per. it - me to congratulate you on the mercy of God that ^{has} shared you so long in married life. Fifty years of wedded life! What a cause of gratitude is this! And ~~fifty~~ years of wedded life, how rare a gift - this is! How very few are permitted so long to enjoy this blessed relation unbroken - Our Lord indicated the preeminence which marriage has, and was designed to have, over all other relations of life when he said "for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh" ^{My records show &} I distinctly recollect when you were united in wedded life by Samuel Brown Esq. Wedges day A 1823. You were healthy, moral, industrious, and dependant on your own exertions and with all the good qualities of Yankee and Dutch origin, you started on the voyage of married life, and God has wonderfully blessed you. In early life you both sought and found ~~as~~ your saviour and you united with the people of God. You were blessed with children and now shall I forget that beautiful and lovely daughter Rosy Ann, so full of promise taken from you in early womanhood to the spirit land, but God gave you grace to bear your deep afflictions, and the community deeply sympathized with you. You have had your share of sickness and trials, yet an all-wise Providence has carried ^{you} through all of them, and given you grace according to your day, and now having passed your three score and ten years with the temporal comforts of life derived from honest industry ^{& frugality} and God's blessing, ^{& calling} with a worthy son competent

to advise, and on which you can lean in your declining years and look
 for the joys of a heavenly home with Christ, and reunited with the dis-
 ciples of God ~~with those~~ that have gone before you. Holy hope and strength.

My dear friends I was married in Jonestown just six years before you
 met my dear wife with which you were united in church fellowship was only three
 to me 23 years when she died in the triumphs of Christ's faith leaving me with
 five orphan children - What changes have we been permitted to witness
 in Jonestown in more than fifty years since we settled there (I shall
 soon be 58 years since I settled there) How changed the village in population
 improvements, religious privileges, educational advantages and pecuniary re-
 sources - then without a meeting house now ^{with} eight and what a multitude
 through grace and faithful work of Christian laborers have been brought into the
 Redeemer's Kingdom - To God be all the glory.

Rev. J. G. English
 Jan'y 29 1862
 Answer to letter of
 Honors Physicians

Now could you join in singing to the glory of God the
 hymn commencing "Alack the fleshing from nature"
 in the time, connection
 and may see dear friends & ultimately be united
 with you in celebrating Heaven's glory and Dominion
 unto the Lord forever, in the presence of your old friend

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Meadville Apr 25, 1862

Hon E. S. Foster

Dear Sir

Yours of
Mar. 31. duly rec^d.

I am glad that you
still retain kind memories of
Allegheny College, and although
at a distance have yet an
interest in its welfare

I enc. you our
last Catalogue

I am

Yours for

Geo. Boonin

Rev D^r Loomis
Pres Allegheny Coll
Meadville Pa
April 1862
Ack recpt of my
resignation as trustee

Resigned as trustee
March 31 1862

East Cleveland Sept. 30th 1862

Hon. W. J. Foot

Dear Brother

I thank you most sincerely for your excellent ^{letter} so full of valuable information of the very kind I wanted. If it will not be trespassing too much upon your time I would like to obtain some more on the same subject. Can you tell me the meaning of the word Chautauqua? In what year did you settle in that County? Do you know anything of the origin of a Class formed at an early day in Southard's neighbourhood on the north east side of the Chautauqua, and of the one at the Chautauqua inlet? Do you remember anything about the conversion of our old friend Edward Work? These things are clear beyond the memory of any person with whom I am now acquainted unless it is yourself. I hope you will pardon the liberty which I have taken in thus taxing your precious time.

I feel that it is due the early Pioneers of
Christianity in this region that their Memory
Should be cherished and their valuable
Services put upon record. I shall certainly
see that justice is done to yourself among
others. May the Lord abundantly bless and
sustain you in your declining years.

Yours truly
Richard S. Gregg

Oh there was a local preacher by the name
of Smith, a lame man, whom I remember
to have seen when a boy that lived some where
on the North East side of the Chautauque Lake
Have you any knowledge of him?

S S

Ans Dept
Apr. 30 1862
for record

Democrat office Jamestown N.H.
February 2^d 1863.

Wm E. J. Foote

Dear Sir,

I was very happy to receive your note alluding to the "Local record for 1862" published a few weeks since in the Democrat. I think I have never been extremely greedy for praise, but commendation from a gentleman of your standing and experience is I assure you highly valued. I have returned to Jamestown to stay, and am now engaged in business which will probably be permanent, and I trust my conduct as a journalist may always be such as to merit your approval.

When you next

Miss Jameton, please bring a minute
of such nos of the Democrat as you have
received imperfect, and the missing nos.,
and I will supply the deficiency from
the files. In future I will see that
your paper is perfect.

I should consider it a great favor
to receive a communication from you for
publication, either historical or political,
and I know anything from you would
be highly relished by the multitude of your old
friends among our patrons. You published an
article in the Censor last winter, upon early P. O.
& Post Roads in Chautauque Co. which I copied into
the Warren Mail, (at that time being Editor of that paper)
and which gave great satisfaction to its readers.

Please remember me kindly to your
family, and also to Charles & wife. Hoping to
hear from you soon I am Very truly & respectfully
Yours
D. H. Waite

D. H. Wait Esq
Ed. Democrat
Jonestown May 2^d 1863.
Complimentary &c

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In the autumn of 1858 I began to experience irregularity of the bowels. Before that time, my habits - bowels were, I suppose, as regular in habit as those of other ones in ordinary health. During that Fall, they grew constipated and the piles appeared. I had in life been once or twice troubled with this complaint for a short period, but it had never given me serious uneasiness. But now it became uncomfortable, and I attributed it ^{to} my sitting so much. I changed my position & stood. This gave relief for awhile, but did not remove the complaint. It continued, till sometimes on and sometimes disappearing for a while, till the Spring that Dr Stone was sick, which I believe was 1859. -- In that Spring & the next Summer

the following the piles became exceedingly painful. The habits of my bowels I do not distinctly recollect, tho' in general I had considerable constipation. I should think the painfulness abated toward the end of the Summer, ^{when} I suffered about as I had done before. - After a while I noticed that my bowels were for awhile in a normal condition, or nearly so; then would become gradually constipated till several days - say three to five - would elapse before when I could expel but very little with much straining. That little was hard, & seemed to be about the size & shape of bullets. At length there would be a change, & the pieces passed off freely in large quantities - sometimes quite thin, and sometimes only pretty soft. This would generally be followed by a discharge of thin

& almost watery matter, after which my bowels remained for a day or two dormant, or at least yielded no discharge, as if they had been completely emptied, and took time to fill up. About the third day they would begin to evacuate again. Often this would be constipated for a day or two, then return to an apparently natural condition in which they would continue, sometimes a few days, sometimes several weeks, & then go through the process above described. The periods employed occupied in going this round were not of a uniform length, of course. - Such was my habit had become the general habit of my bowels when, last year, in August, I was taken with my sickness, when the diarrhoea set in with great violence and ran me very low. For two weeks I was confined to the house, most of the time.

to my bed. While thus reduced I was seized with a most distressing attack of wind colic, I suppose, for my bowels seemed full of wind, but refused to pass any off, while my stomach was also strained with it, and at length forced it up with great violence. My agony was intense, making me and the bed shake violently. The children became alarmed & called Dr Harding, but he failed to produce any alleviation till at length he tried a warm sitting bath, which gave very prompt & entire relief. I then began gradually to amend, but recruited very slowly, and was in fact nearly all winter in getting over my tendency of looseness of bowels. When I did, the old habit of routine returned, but with shorter seasons of normal exertion. Still I was passably comfortable. My piles appeared when my bowels were costive, but have not been very annoying. During the last Summer, my bowels continued in this condition till in August, when they began to be lax. I tried to check them by medicine and dieting, & partially succeeded. But about Sept. 1, they became decidedly relaxed by a settled diarrhoea, which has continued,

with slight checks, till I came here. I am ignorant of the medical treatment, & of course can say nothing about it.

About February or March, 1861, my head began to feel have a sensation of pressure & heaviness, increasing at times to dizziness. Occasionally my sight was affected - everything appearing to dance, & nothing distinctly visible. This generally continued about half an hour. Sudden motions made me quite dizzy, particularly that of rising from bed or chair. Heat increased this tendency & I was obliged to keep my room as cool as possible. During my diarrhoea my head was relieved; but on getting about I found my head-trouble returned, & it thro' the Winter I had at times to stop & summon an extra effort to collect my thoughts, before

I could do any thing, as my thoughts seemed momentarily to forsake me. I however improved till I was mostly relieved of it during the latter part of Spring & early Summer. This feeling I have had some since I have been here.

I find I have omitted to state that, a few days before I was sick, last year, I had, in the night, a violent pleuritic attack, chiefly confined to my right side. This was relieved by Elix. in the morning, & I recovered in a day or two.

Another thing - The first attack of diarrhoea (last year) was attended by the vomiting up of a considerable quantity of bile. But I have vomited none since, tho' I have at times had some nausea, but whether from bile or other cause, I cannot say.

During my sickness last

year, a part of the time at least, my urine was of deeper color than usual, and it has been during my present illness; and on standing over night becomes flocculent & turbid. But its passage has never been attended with pain.

My digestion has been good when I have had any appetite, which I have had all the time except when sickest. So far as I can judge, my stomachic functions have been in the main healthfully performed.

Frequently, when my bowels above the rectum seemed to be well, a tetanus would obstinately cling to me and run me into a regular diarrhoea. This now seems to have left me.

This, as near as I can remember, is a history of my case.

C. J. J. Angerott.

New Haven, Dec 4, 1862.

Dr. Higgsall,

Care medically,

Dec. 1862

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Scientific and Historical Association.

Office of Corresponding Secretary,
Fredonia, Chaut. Co., N. Y., April 7, 1863.

Hon. Oliel T. Foote.

Sir—At a regular meeting of the Fredonia Scientific and Historical Association, held at Academy Hall, April 1, 1863, you were unanimously elected an Honorary Member. While such election imposes no burdens, any communication or contributions, with which you may be disposed to favor the association, will be gratefully received, duly acknowledged, and carefully preserved.

By order,
J. P. Pratt.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Jamstown Dec 25, 1863

Mrs. E. T. Foote

Dear Sir: (Miss, your hands
of Rev. Mr. Lee came duly to hand.
I have accepted the thanks of myself and
family for your photograph, which
I have placed in my album for pres-
ervation.

Mr. Roe handed me the obituary
prepared by yourself of my dear departed
parents, & Mr. Roe, my brother & myself
have read it, & I can assure you it
is very satisfactory. I hope your children
may be equally favored, after their kind
father shall have been called home to
be his no more with them, by some dear
friend of his. When the receipt of the
obituary, I have often thought & asked
the question, who will be the proper
person to write the obituary of Judge
Foote. In view of the fact that many
of your early associates have been
called from earth before you, I hope
that your children & friends may be
blessed with your autobiography -
The printers have been

so busy, that we have not yet disputed
an arrangement with them - I handed
the Manuscript to Mr W.H. Waite to
enable him to tell me what will be
his charge for publishing it in his paper
& also printing it in pamphlet form -

We are not exactly satisfied with
the plate of father's likeness & think of
sending it to N.Y. to have some changes
made (particularly in the eyes, which
will take a little time -

The Historical Society
of this County, of which father was a
member have requested to have it read
before them before it appears in print,
to which we have assented, & it will
probably be read the 6th of July,
immediately after which time it will
appear in print & as soon as we can
get the impressions from the corrected
plate, in pamphlet form -

Hoping that this will
be satisfactory to you, please accept
our grateful acknowledgments for your
kindness -

Ben^g Jones will probably arrive but
a few days -

I am satisfied that many of your friends
will feel an interest in the collection
of local facts for this outline, which you
with great labor have collected, and that
it would have been a great satisfaction to
them could the arrangement for a library, be
carried out. I am still in hopes that at some
future time some thing may be done to secure
your valuable papers as a nucleus to a
library here. You are probably aware that
our Corporation have bought your old
place for a Union School - This was central,
& it has occurred to me that you might
agree, in some shape your proposition and
have a fire proof library building erected
on those grounds - Our taxes are coming
so fast that it is questionable whether it
would be policy to move in the matter
at this time - This is, of course, offered
only as a suggestion for your consideration
from one who is content to lead a quiet
unassuming life -

There is quite a revival in the
Methodist Church here & I hope & trust the
religious interest in this place will soon become
general. All usually well - Please remember
me to your family - Truly Yours
L. B. Brown

Levont P. Brown
auth. rept. of my
Biog. memoir of his
father de

Dec. 25. 63.

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Dewittville Dec. 30 1863

My Dear Brother

I have delayed a little in answering your letter. The Sabbath School is continued at the Poor House every Sabbath and the Sabbath School Library is read and is in as good order as can be expected. The adult Library is also read and is in very good condition. The inmates of the Poor House are contented and happy. Their spiritual interests remain about as when you last met them. I continue exhorting them once in two weeks as heretofore, and occasionally the Methodist or Christian minister preaches to them. The new keeper (Willard Wood) is a member of the Christian denomination and a very good man. He thinks he will

want to you as you take such a
deep interest in matters pertaining
to the Poorhouse, I beg you to allow
and still of the Poorhouse, Mr. Salas
is in the Army is now on furlough
I have a character Mr. Schuster
and you is living here in Southville
the matter, she has bought a small
farm about one and a half miles from
Jainstown just above the bottom
and will move on it this
spring she sends her kind regards
to you and also to Mrs. Scott, you ask
if you can do more for the spirit
interest of the unfortunate at the
Poorhouse, I do not know of
any thing at present, only as we
greatly desire your prayers at
the throne of grace and shall
be very happy to see you here
as soon as your health and other
concerns are well, permit

I can assure you Brother I shall
remember your exhortation to the
inmates of the Poorhouse for
their Spiritual well being, when
I meet them again, and that
I shall do all I can for their
Salvation, to get them to repent
and turn to the Lord Jesus
Christ as their only hope of
Eternal life, a few of them
number have gone to the Eternal
world since you were here
Mrs. Davis sends her kind regards
to you and family, Mrs. Scofield
says kindly remember her to yourself
and Lady.

Truly your Brother in Christ
Seely Scofield

Recd July 26th 1863
Dunstable NY
Dec 30 1863
Libraries in
County House

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A. J. Allen Esq
in Albany

601 A. J. Allen Esq
in Albany

Jointstown Feb 8. 1845

Mr E. T. Justice

My Dear Sir

I have sent the bill for incorporation
of our Literary & Historical Society to John Standish
to be sent to the Com of the Land - My delay was occasioned
in writing Mr B. G. Justice & others being absent - I have put
as Trustees - Mr P. Mowbray, C. E. Bartlett, A. J. Allen, L. B.
Bisson - Mr H. Jewell - I thought best
not to put in the names of the Clergy on account of
the Baptist Church difficulties here, since - But as they are
officers Justice by the bill they will all be provided
for on the first Organization - Another trouble was
"Justice Esq" My labors are such I could not give the
matter attention & for that cause do not use my name, but
if you go ahead count me in as one - Our
Union School question is opposed in the persons
of Binnett, & Heggline, Bailin & Mr. Barnell - But
will give this I think their support, still without
present Mr Beverly York of some \$25,000 to \$30,000 &
also our Union School tax which will not be

left them 25 on \$26,000 - make it a hard time to
start the matter over again is caused of the need
in our trying to close up our Bounty Recd. - I have
not thought best to raise the question of Subscriptions
now until the matter gets quiet & settled. I hope
all will be well & satisfactory. I send the bill
to I. Howard which you had better write him.
Barnell is all right with us in this - Our church
matter about as usual - not the most flattering but
we must smooth them up - I appreciate your feelings
in relation to the Liberty question - But our very extra
high taxes from the thing, nature is our only difficulty,
& I hope will glide over smoothly. I have no rem-
=brace of H. F. Foster since in July or August when he
wrote me from Memphis which letter I received by
return mail - but was returned to me through the dead
letter office - let me hear from you as before

Yours truly

W. G. Allen

I submitted all questions as to funds & Bibles
to be filled in the bill to Barnell knowing he
has his mind & penmanship in that way

Mrs Reed Baker
ack^d rec^d of \$5.
for Lodin Soc for relief
of the poor

Janestown Feb 21/85

Judge Foster.

Dear Sir,

I now hasten
to answer your letter. Thanking
you for your generous contribution
it is so encouraging to be remem-
bered by one so far away. We have
been prospered in every way we
find more poor this winter, but
we have had more money, so have
been able to assist all, every one
seems to place confidence in
us. The Methodist have a
society to help the poor of their
church. Mrs M. Bailey is
President. The Baptist also

have one for their church. Mrs. O. J. Lyford is President. and there is a Society of Young Ladies that now sew for the home poor. Miss Loretta Cunningham is President and the Eld. Guardian Society - often contribute to the needy here. Mrs Henry Baker is President. so you see that many are alive to this good work.

So many with us are poor for the want of work.

Mothe Windsor's family are well at present. wish to be remembered to you. they deeply sympathize with you in your bereavement.

Next Wednesday evening Major Bassett gives ^{Fiftieth} Anniversary party, or rather a Golden wedding. the children are all coming home, such an event does not often

happen. These has not been
any ^{religious} ~~religious~~ interest in any of
the churches in Town, very thing
else alive and awake, but this
all important thing. I for
one would rejoice to see the
outpouring of God's spirit
among us. If only the church
members would advise that
would be a blessed work.

Our minister "Dr Thompson"
grieved deeply over the state
of the church, and well he
might so few of the male
members awake ready to take
part. Richard wishes to be
remembered to you hoping
to hear from you again.

I remain Yours truly
M. H. Baker.

P.S. I made a great blunder
by sending you our invitation

to the party, instead of my
letters do please excuse me.

Yours M. W. B.

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Newfield Nov. 3. 1865

Judge C. J. Froot

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 25th ultimo
is received. I was happy as I always have been,
to hear from you, And more especially for this reason,
your manifest interest in our unfortunate Poor. Oh
how few there are, even among Christians, who
ever think of the poor degraded inmates of any of
our Charitable institutions. They are rather looked upon
as outcasts, or refuse, which in fact may be true, but
not to the full extent. Our public institutions for unfor-
tunate humanity are places of test for the Christian
faith & patience, and it is our duty to use all the
means within our reach to try to win them to Christ.
Our labours among the class above named are not
to be compared with the Rev Mr Pease & Rev Geo Stewart
Stewart of N. Y. who have so efficiently laboured
among the Intemperate & licentious. I think now
that I earnestly laboured for the spiritual good
of the inmates of our Poor House. I think of my mem-
-ory serves me that I held near 400 public meetings

And I am happy to say that under God, ~~that~~
there were some happy results, and up to this day
enduring. Sow thy seed in the morning and
withhold not thy hand in the evening, thou knowest
not which will prosper.

I will see to it that the library at our Poor House
is collected together and a new catalogue made
and will see that you be advised of the changes
Our County Papers have not taken so much note of
the religious privileges - means furnished and labour
bestowed gratuitously as they should.

I have written the six last Annual Reports to the
Board of Supervisors. In the fall of 1860 I made the
following note in my Report

"We would further Report that there has been made to our
County Poor House for the comfort, edification & instruction
of the unfortunate ^{poor} a number of very valuable donations -
some of them by individuals, and others by religious
Associations and Societies

They have furnished or donated for the Poor 150 volumes
of bound books - mostly of a religious character -
a juvenile Library for Children of 100 volumes and
two Book Cases for the preservation of the Books.

They also have furnished them free of charge three
Weekly Tracts and also a dozen copies of Monthly
Papers for Children together with six or seven hundred
tracts and pamphlets.

This valuable Donation has been made to our
County Home, through the efforts and influence
of our hometown worthy citizen and our esteemed
friend Judge E. Hoot who has largely contributed
of his means for the purchase of the Library.

I am happy to be able to refer you to the full
a Report of so valuable a gift - The Examiner the
Paper you introduced is still taken at the
Poor House a welcome Weekly messenger to the
poor. Any donation you may bestow on the poor
for their Spiritual good will be gratefully received
I will try and remember if I spend the gratuitous
labour of Br. Schofield he is a good man, and kind
to the poor, I will be happy of any suggestion from
you in reference to our poor, I have been of the Opinion
for two years past that we need a good pious
human assistant keeper in our insane department
our board have at last consented to do so at the first
opening, write again,
From your friend & brother
Nicholas Resker

I would be happy to have come to my home & stay overnight
at Benning

Dea Nicholas Kessler
letter Westfield Nov 3/65
Pow House matters &c
at Dewittville

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M. J. Allen Esq
on Liberty St

Jan 21 1868

Am & T Foster

My dear Sir

I have delayed long and
now I can give an apology for such delay
I read your kind & interested letter in our
behalf in relation to the notice of Mr. McKim's
Application to the Com. Registration of the State
for the Incorporation of an Army Association &
I had it inserted in one of our papers

Now my kind friend will it
be too much for me to ask you to draw up
for all as we would need & suitable for us
I know of no one that would be fit & see that
all the necessary papers are incorporated in the
bill. If you will do it I will see that it is
attended to early & have it passed. I have little
no knowledge about such things never giving it any
thought or attention, & hope you will I de
think I can make it go with your aid. Our
taxes will be heavy this year for raising buildings
& our School Building, but it is a good time
to pay such taxes now. I hope your health is better
than when you wrote to me. Mrs. Allen is now in
Buffalo for Medical aid & has been there for 4 weeks

I hope she is to seem longer. Our village seems
to be improving in external appearance & growth - I cannot
see why we cannot do something for the benefit of
our growing youth.

Was the last note all right
& if so: will you send us the old ones

Please let me hear from you as
soon as you can. Concern will find - My
apology for my delay is - Our changed with cares
& business. Remember me to your family -
I am truly Yours

W. F. Allen

Col. W. F. Allen
Letter Dec 10 1863
about preparing a
bill for incorporation
of a Library Society
for Farmington

Amsterville Dec 15/53

Mam Dear Sir

Mr. E. G. Lott

Dear Sir

Being absent from home I missed seeing you when you was here which I regret - I have thought it better been obliged to tell my son & in looking up the deed find the error not acknowledged - I wish you to get it acknowledged, & send back to me & I will pay the expense to you when you or send it - It makes me feel sad to think of how old friends are passing away - Only a few days ago Bunnell died & I conversed with him the day before when he was full of bitterness & wrath against the Union party with the oaths & imprecations on its leaders - In the hands of God I leave him - How much unlike the men Fairfield - Mr. Edley & J. S. Yates & others - L. Crane is marching with a glorious hope of immortality in his soul - I wish to know what would you & I exchange this hope for - Love me & tell the ladies to try it & the I have lost my property houses & land yet I have a house above promised me that I have some title to which none can get from me - You probably know that Henry & Fred

regrets that some of our brethren at the
General but that you will certainly should
tell the people at the same that he did an
independent & efficient work. I'll do with more
facts & was taken. It's just to appreciate our
such an occasion - Let one die two deaths
of this migration, & let my last and best
only best brother is dead at Lake Superior two
sons & three brothers in a little over a year
with other friends have gone before me.

I have done no business for some time - You
find me well - Mrs. C. & I was here last night
and I've come over to me - It has been
remarkably mild until today a great snow
storm of cold - Write me a word of
encouragement as I often feel depressed on
account of my misfortune of affliction kind
yet I look forward to a better & brighter
world - Farewell

I remain as ever your old friend &
brother in the Lord

Eliza B. Smith
Dec 16/65
Amherst Dec 1865

Caenestown Jan 10th 1866

My Dear Judge

Notwithstanding some one leaked our plan of electing a new board of Trustees for the Academy we beat them about ten votes and elected the names enclosed being one the tickets prepared for the occasion and not used.

The only doubt I have of the votes being entirely legal was the transfer of Chandler and Winsor stock to S. W. Winsor - the papers being in rather a bungling form there was no objection made to them however and everything passed off with apparent good feeling. - The suggestion

-of yours to reelect Judge Hoaglin
and Maj. Barnett, we would
of been glad to have complied
with- but the law makes it
necessary that the Trustees must
be unanimous in their action
to vacate their office- so that
the Board of Education can take
charge of the Academy property,
hence the reason of leaving
them off the board of Trustees.-

I am obliged to go to Coney
this morning and have no time
to write farther- I will write
you fully in a few days.

I pr Truly and very
Respectfully your
friend
W. H. Peck

I suppose you have got the missing
number 186 of the Record of
Supervisors- Col. Allen told me
he would send it

Wm H. Town
July 10 1866
New trustees elec-
ted for Fourtown
Academy

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Mayor's Office.

Portland, July 26 1866

C. S. Howe Esq
New Haven
Conn.

Your cordial
attention for the relief of the sufferers for the
late fire is thankfully acknowledged and
gives occasion of renewed gratitude to
the citizens of your city for their
liberality

Yours Truly
A. G. E. Stevens
Mayor

A. E. Stevens
Mayor of Portland
Receipt \$10. Cont'd of
E. F. F. for Buffers
July 26 1866

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At a regular meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Village
of Jamestown held at the Clerk's
Office on the 24th day of October 1861
the whole Board being present the
following resolution was unanimously
adopted

Whereas Elias S. Fote is one of
the oldest and most respected citizens
of the Village of Jamestown, having settled
in said Village among its first
inhabitants and having heretofore
taken an active part in laying out
said Village into streets and lots
and having laid out that portion of
said Village known as "Fotes
Allotments;" and whereas it is necessary
and proper that certain changes should
be made in the names of the Streets
and Alleys in said Allotments
Therefore be it
Resolved that Elias S. Fote
be requested to suggest such changes
in the names of the various Streets
and Alleys in that portion of the Village
of Jamestown known as Fotes Allot-
ments as to him shall seem just
and proper

S. H. Hensbell,
Village Clerk

Resolution of Trustees
requesting me to suggest
change of names of streets
in Jamestown. Oct 24/66

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Big black Walnut
a mammoth tree

Siber Creek N.Y. July 19, 1857

Wm. E. Hoote

Mr. Warren

Dear Sir,

My apology for not replying
to your favors of the 27 & 28 Dec. at an earlier period
is that I wish to ascertain what could probably be done
by way of perpetuating the memory of the "Big
Walnut" that was, at an early day, a prominent ob-
ject of this place, as well as a distinguishing in-
dication of the strength and fertility of the soil.
No doubt, when standing, it uniformly attracted the
attention of the traveller, the emigrant, westward
bound and especially the eye of the Natural-
ist as a wonderful specimen of nature's work,
planted by the hand of the Creator in the im-
mediate thoroughfare connecting the East with
the boundless West. My first visit to
Chautaugus County, was in July 1825. When
the stage stopped at this place (the Hotel being
according to my recollection being near the

passengers—myself included—went to look at a section of the trunk of the tree, which, being hollow, had been used for a grocery very near the place where it grew. The old roots and, perhaps, a portion of the shivered stump, the roots at any rate, were then visible. I remember hearing that the section referred to, was not long after, taken to New York, and I think the fall of 1820, (the Canal being completed in Oct. of that year & thus rendering its transportation practicable) and subsequently, as you say, to England. But I had like to have forgotten what I began writing about. It is not quite certain, but hopefully probable, that something respectable will be done to secure the object you so much desire.

Our Co. is greatly your debtor for what you have done to preserve its early history from oblivion, and for your incessant labor and anxiety to secure all its present and future prosperity. I cannot but regret your removal from us to a distant State by which, of necessity, we have lost much of your valuable time, nevertheless, your untiring

impressing assiduity has enabled you to accomplish
for us, more than most men would have done
devoting their whole time, while attending to your
own private business, and the calls consequent
upon your professional pursuits, besides. Allow
me to express the hope that your life may be spared
to make many more of your annual pil-
grimages, to this Co. The Shrine, I trust, believes
of your early devotion, and attaching, the
latter of which have never been, severed, or the
former forgotten. I will endeavor to remem-
ber your request for a specimen of the "big tree"
when the Spring opens. We have a very heavy body
of snow this winter. I have left but small space
to speak of the other matter, the Album. I
approve of it and thank you for the suggestion
and shall be most happy to contribute toward
the expense, and am sure our people will not
allow you to be out of pocket in the matter.
Olive Lee left nothing to perpetuate "the human
face divine." He seems to have had no taste for
such things, strange as it may seem in a
man of as much ability and position as
he had. I can furnish photographs of myself

And, if you desire it, will endeavor to aid
you in procuring others, such as ^{you} may indicate.

I have had during the past year quite
a number (between 1/2 a dozen and a dozen)
of large photographs of myself, painted in
oil by a portrait painter, and framed in
gold frames for my children and others.
I am inclined to have another painted
and put into a nice frame and send
it to the Clerk's office. It might not adorn
the walls, that would not be my purpose; but
it might induce the other Clerks now living
to do the same thing, and thus become quite
a gallery. The frames at least would be
ornamental.

Very truly your friend
J. G. [Signature]

George W. Jew Eyr
Silver Creek

Jan'y 19 1867

Big Walnut & a
monument

Photograph Album &

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New Haven Conn
Jan 21 1867

Hon Orson Stiles

My Dear Sir

In pursuance of a request of the last board of supervisors of Chaut. Co. I am preparing a history of supervisors and their proceedings prior to 1820 nearly all the old records being lost.

As shown in my old manuscripts the town of Chauteaugia was organized as a town in Genesee County April 11 1804 embracing all of the present county except 10 Range of the H. L. Company Survey.

Am I right? or was the 10th Range included in the town of Chaut. by act of 11 April 1804? You can determine the question in 5 minutes by looking at the sepin town of 1804.

Genesee County was erected from Ontario March 2^d 1802 with the towns of Northampton, Southampton, Leicester & Batavia. The latter town then included Chaut. Co. See Sep 10th 1802

I should like to know what towns in
Genesee County in 1805. By turning over
the index in Sep. laws of 1803, 1804, 1805
you will see what towns were added
to the 4 I have named in Genesee County
which complete the list in Genesee in 1805.

~~Niagara County was created March
11, 1808 see Sep. laws & what towns were
then included in Niagara?
I have found minutes of this~~

We are having the most severe
snow here that has covered here in 15 yrs
& trains on our RR much retarded

I am sorry to trouble you with
my inquiries but what I write for the
supervisors may be ^{helpful} quoted for facts and
I wish to be correct. I am laboring gra
tuitously, and trust you will have
patience with me

I shall be gratified to hear from you
and to receive any documents that it

be perfectly concerned to send me
kind regards to Capt. Frazer and accept
for yourself the best wishes of

Your friend
Mark Obedt
E. J. Footes

According to the Act of April 11, 1804,
the South Range was included
in the town of Chautauque,

From the town of Batavia, in
1804, the towns of Chautauque
Eric & Millink were formed.

From the town of Leicester,
Angelica was formed in 1804.

No towns were formed in
Genesee County, in 1803, and
none except the above in
1804 & 1805.

D. J. Pratt

July 7th

My dear

excuse the delay in

answering this letter & believe

it has been unexcused

My truly

J. T. [Signature]

Original from
of the [unclear]
date in 1804

The boundary in question
is between the 10th and 11th
ranges of the Holland
Company's lands, according
to Session Laws of 1804.

D. Pratt

Assist State Lib.

Westfield Feb 5th 1867

Hon. E. T. Froot

Dear Sir-

Yours of Jan. is Received, and in Reply to your Request. I called on Col. Bell, and Mr. Couch, to obtain such information, as to Arthur Bell, and Amos Atwater, as they could give - Col. Bell tells me, that he has sent you, through Mr. Hungerford (at your desire), the facts connected with his father's first settlement in this County - and I send the sketch, handed me by Deacon Couch as to Amos Atwater -

The first grist mill in the County was built by John M. Malcom in 1805 about 80 rods up from the mouth of Chaumont Creek, on the West Side of the Creek, the building was of hewed logs, and the stones were afterwards, taken and put into the mill here at Westfield and owned many years after by Deacon Stone - and sold by Deacon Stone, to James McLean and

My self in 1850. and those are the
Mill stones that I propose to place with
the Historic Monument at the original
Cross Roads -

You observe, that there
is a surprising increase of Expenses in our
local, and General County expenditures, as
compared with the Economy of the early
settlers. Such Comparison is truly alarming.
But nearly a half century, has changed
the body of the People, and a change also
in General pursuits and Anticipations - When
You and I came into ^{the} New Country, at that
time, five or six thousand dollars, was supposed
to be sufficient to make one man wealthy,
but now it requires ten times such amount
to meet the aspirations of young America.

The Expenses of our Government are alarming
and the Extravagance of Clashes, are an excess
for increase of public Expenditures, high Salaries
and Speculation, which seems to be the order of the
day, in public as well private life -

Very Respectfully Yours, J. B. Conner

Wm T B Campbell
Superintendent
July 1867

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UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Regents,

ALBANY, February 7, 1867

Hon. E. J. Foste,
New Haven.

Dear Sir:

We have been searching several months for the Report of Andrew Ellicott, as U.S. Commissioner & Surveyor, on the survey of the western boundary line of the State of New York, which was made in 1790. The report was ordered, by resolution of Congress, to be made to the Treasury Department, but it cannot be found in that or any other department at Washington, nor so far as we are able to find, in private hands, or in any state collection.

As you have given special attention to the local history of Western New York, it is barely possible that you may know something of it. May I hear from you.

Truly yours

D. Pratt
Assist. Secretary

Probably destroyed by fire
in 1814

D. J. Pratt
Asst Secy Regents
May 7 1866

enquiry about Andrew
Ellis' cattle survey of the line
between Penna & N York

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(11). David Eaton's
letter supervisors matter
of former years

Portland, Jan^y, 27, 1867.

Hon^{ble} S. J. Hoate,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Dec. 24th did not reach me till New Year's day, by reason of the Rail Road being blocked up with snow. For your Photograph which it contained, you have my most hearty thanks. It is the very thing I wanted, & I was not slow to place it in my Album. I should have replied to your ^{letter} sooner, but I had no Photograph of myself on hand to spare, I have since had some taken, & I enclose one according to your request. It is copied from a Daguerotype, which was taken from life, some 20 years ago. So that it shows how I looked when I was able to take some humble part in active life. I was Superintendent of the Poor of this county when it was taken. But my

I have not yet seen the Monument at the old records, but if I live, till ever so long, I was there some, I intend to pay it a visit.

appearance is very different now. I am now a feeble old man, & my eyes so sore that I write with difficulty. ~ ~ ~

In regard to the Clerkship of the Board of Supervisors, I distinctly recollect that Perrine was clerk in 1815. He was a good clerk, a ready accountant, & very correct, but was dishonest, as it was fully proved. ~ I believe I must relate one act of his, which you do not mention. In 1815 or 1814, the Board employed him to draw a map of each town in the county, for the use of the towns. They were to be copied from the maps in the Land Office, & the Board told him they would leave it to Mr. Peacock to say what it was worth to draw them; but neglected to inform Mr. Peacock of the arrangement. When they were completed, Prouse, one day, shuffled them over, in a careless manner, & said: "Mr. Peacock, what is it worth to draw these maps?" Mr. Peacock, in the same careless manner said \$200. Upon this Prouse drew

an order in his own favor, & signed it himself as Clerk, by order of the Board of Supervisors, & in due time presented it to the Treasurer & drew the money. It must be remembered, that, up to this time the Town & County orders were signed only by the Clerk. This trick of his, was not discovered till after his arrest, & it was then too late to get any redress. But the board resolved that thereafter the Orders should be signed by the Chair-man, as well as the Clerk, a practice which has been pursued to the present time. With respect to Mr. Rogers, I feel pretty sure that he was appointed in 1816 as Mr. Prouse's immediate successor, & I think served four years. I cannot say for certain, what year I was appointed his successor, but I feel very confident that the blank for the records was purchased the first year of my clerkship; the records will show what year that was; my impression is, it was, 1821.

Mr. Rogers was a faithful & competent
 Clerk, but the board were dissatisfied
 with him because, when they had allowed
 him what they believed a liberal com-
 -pensation for his services, he was never
 satisfied, but was continually grumbling
 & casting reflections on the board for
 their penuriance. But the next year
 he would plead for a reappointments,
 & make apologies for what he had
 said ^{the} year ^{before} & thus get continued in office.
 I think I am correct in saying that Mr.
 Rogers served as clerk till 1819, & that I
 was appointed in 1820, but if I am mis-
 -taken, I think Judge Campbell can cor-
 -rect it, for it was through him, that I
 obtained the appointment. In regard to
 the time Judge Osborne succeeded me, my
 present impression is, it was in 1828. I
 should have placed it in '27, had you not
 stated that you received a letter from me
 as Clerk, in that year. Judge Osborne ser-
 -ved two years, & perhaps three, when I was
 reappointed, & served till 1832, inclusive.

I am unable to state which year
 Gen. Barker succeeded Judge Orton as
 Supervisor of Pomfret. I can only say, that
 Judge Orton ^{was} Supervisor in 1817, & Gen Barker
 was, when I was appointed Clerk.

I believe I have now answered
 all your enquiries as far as I am able.

You request me to commit to paper
 my reminiscences of old settlers in this
 vicinity. But I must be excused for
 the present. There were but few of the
 early settlers of this place that ever became
 very conspicuous as public characters.
 They were not office-seekers, but seekers
 of a competence for themselves & families,
 & but few incidents occurred worthy
 to be recorded. If my eyes should get
 better, I may perhaps, hereafter furnish
 you with some notice of 2 Thier Hall &
 Elisha Annotel; though they were ^{not} among
 the first settlers, they came at an early
 day, & became somewhat conspicuous
 members of this community.

February 2^d 1867.

I have just arrived at the 85th milestone on the journey of life.

Thus far the Lord has led me on,
 "Thus far his power prolongs my days".

An unseen hand has protected me through many dangers & hair-breadth escapes to the present time. You are a Physician, & of course know much more about the human system than I do, yet even to me, it does seem

"Strange that a harp of thousand strings
 Should keep in tune so long."

But the machine has nearly run down, & in a few years, at most, & perhaps in a few months, or weeks, or days, I shall go hence, & be here no more forever. And who can comprehend the full meaning of that one word - forever? On a

review of the past, my life seems a series of mistakes & blunders, yet, I indulge the hope that I have been faithful over a few things, & that I have not buried my own talent in the earth.

And now, my dear Friend Adieu for the present. God bless you & yours.

D. C. Eaton

Floresville Oct 7 1847

Dear E. J. Fouts

My dear Sir

Your of 23 ult. was

duely recd. I have not so am not now

very well. I have made what

Engineering & experimentation I could

in regard to Angles & Rapids and

find it therefore convinced that

Nedrick Angell was born in the

Town of Poultice Bennington Co

Vermont in 1787, & when about

21 years of age moved to the Town

of Champlain, Shelton Co N. Y. &

from there to the Town of

Flamoon in 1812 & settled near

the center of the town which ^{was} soon

after and now is known as Argyle

Settlement. He sold his farm there

about 1830 & moved to the Village

& kept a Public House until the

year 1833 when he moved to
Battle Creek Michigan and
died there in 1852 aged 55 years

Daniel Russell

I don't know when Russell was
born. He emigrated to this town from
the Town of Madison, Madison Co
N.Y. in 1812 or 1813. - Moved
from here to Bertrand, Michigan
Spring of 1834 and then died;
but what year I have not been
able to ascertain. But think he
must have been about 70 or
75 years of age. If I can
find out more definitely will
advise you.

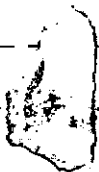
I regret to hear of your poor
health & wish of a fall, but
hope by this time you are all
right again. I hope to see you
as you say once more and

in exchange a friendly greeting
Yours for us

And a humble servant

Albert H. Camp

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Col. Albert H. Camp
Fonville Oct 7/67.

relating to Nathaniel Apple
and Daniel Reppell
are supervisors of
~~Harrover~~
Harrover

D. W. L. Hayes
in connect. Benevolent
Societies in Jerusalem
& Abington to print the Church
Jamestown N.Y. Feb. 2, 1868.

Hon. E. J. Felt M. D.

Dear and esteemed Friend,

Your
kind & welcome letter of the 27th ult. is received,
& your kind & generous offer appreciated.
I hope we may be able to avail ourselves of
it. The house needs painting - sadly enough.
We talked considerably about it last fall, but
could not get at it. A. F. Allen was in Albu-
ny & no one feels like moving in any thing
of consequence without him - and more than
this, Allen, Newland, & Jones - the men we
depend upon mainly to raise the wind in
any emergency - had been advancing so
largely to build the Parsonage that we did
not like even to mention the thing to them,
& without their help we could not do it,
but it must be done in some way this spring.
As soon as any move can be made I will
let you know more about it. They estimate

the cost of the parsonage at \$8000, but it will be nearer \$10,000 when completed with fence & other fixtures. The Dr. is now occupying it with his family. We pay him \$2000 a year besides the house - the past year, without the house \$2,400, which is double what we have ever paid before. The society has been in debt for some time past: the debt & interest amounted, on the first of Jan. to something over \$600. The ladies held a festival & cleared over \$2000 about 1/2 a pair in on the note. But still better this we were obliged to get a new furnace (coal) which cost about \$1200, which leaves us just where we were. The furnace was an actual necessity, as the old ones were worn out & they never did warm the house well. Last winter the house was very uncomfortable & this winter they failed entirely. The new furnace works admirably & the house is warm as need be.

There are three societies among our ladies here, the "Ladies Benevolent Society" which has been in operation more than thirty years,

conducted mostly by the older ladies, now,
they meet once a week to work - They send
each year one box, at least, to the "Five Point
Hours of Industry" & one to the "Home for the Friendless"
New York - besides attending more or less to the
Home for the Friendless. During the war they sent more
to the soldiers, & since, to the Freedmen, but
before this they ^{sent} 2 or more boxes each year to each
of the N. Y. Institutions -

2) "The Home Relief Assn" conducted by the
younger married ladies, the one to which you allude,
The object of this society is to provide food, fuel &
clothing for our own poor - It is a very efficient
& prosperous society - This season they have received
over \$150. - as the profits on one lecture at the
W. S. Hall & \$114. - in 25 cent collection on
the street, & \$60. - at another time by passing
round the hat before the commencement of
one of our lectures, besides other donations -
Jamaica is becoming somewhat noted for its care
of the poor, so much so - I am told that poor people
from other towns continue to get in here in the fall,
even if they have to stop in a shed or barn -

3. "The Young Ladies Society" meets once
a week for work &c. and the avails of
their efforts go exclusively to the Howard
Mission N.Y. I believe - How much they do
I do not know - but think it must be considerable.

Be assured, my dear friend, that you
have our entire sympathy in your great affliction.
It must be very sad and trying, after having
been at the head of a family for so many years
to give it all up & fall into other habits, & other
ways of living. We often think & often speak
of you. We shall hope to see you again when
the spring opens & the weather becomes milder.

My own health has been bad this season -
I had to give up business about the middle of Nov
& have been confined to the house most of the
time since & part of the time to the bed, I do
not feel able to go to church to day, so I write
a little at a time & then rest. I think I am on
the gain & hope to get well in the spring -
By my sickness, in the last 5 years I have lost,
at least, \$5,000. This disables me from doing
as much as I would like to in our society
affairs. My wife's health is better than former-
ly & I hope she will enjoy better health as she grows
older than she did in early life.

Please never put a stamp inside a letter
to me again -

Very Truly Yours
W. S. Hedgco

To You.

Buffalo June 15th 1870

E. J. Frost -

Sir Miss Jane Macomber
wrote a few days ago that
you were writing a History
of Yale College, and wished
information concerning my
late Brother Lorenzo D. Birds
My Brother graduated in thirty
seven, he entered the law office
of Lawyer Kelley of Erie Pa -
he was a thorough scholar
and studied hard -
But Brother Ira B. had taken
some mail contracts in Wick-
and some in Spring of 40 to
Syracuse Mich - Lorenzo went
with ^{him} there, he entered the office
G. W. Lane studied with him until
the autumn he became so disgusted

with the climate as the fever
was prevailing alarmingly -
in November he went to
Chicago remained a few weeks
but himself coughing he thought
he would ^{try} another location he re-
-mained ~~in~~ ^{at} his mind turned
then towards Missouri January of
forty one he went St Louis and
became a law student and par-
-ner with his Cousin Gustavus
C. Bird who had been a practicing
lawyer many years in that place
the next year his daughter returned
from school, with a finished
Education, so well educated is beautiful
and accomplished but her worth trans-
-cended them all - he subsequently
offered himself and was accepted
married her in forty three -
and now he felt that St Louis was
not the place for a poor young
man with a family, so he located

himself at the new town of
Wiston four hundred miles up
the Missouri River, I think
this was in forty four -

During his residence there, he with
a company, selected and formed
the plots of Leavenworth & Atchison
in Kansas, and Omaha of
Nebraska - he also took up
wild land in Nebraska
which proved to be a valuable
lead mine - he sold his share
in Leavenworth for fifty
thousand dollars a short time
before his death -

My brother tho' a democrat and
a decided abolitionist still
he felt the principle of slavery
wrong and a stain upon a
land of freemen and, when
Kansas was entered a free state
he had now become rich man
so he liberated slaves and
provided for them the Old Middy

refusing to leave, he then decided to move into a free state where Weston and settled in A. T. Atchison and believe he was successful as a lawyer. — had a good practice he never entered the political arena had more ambition for the Honors LL.D. than for office. — He urged to accept the nomination for congress but declined. my nephew Frank Bira said had good ability as a speaker, he said that he carried his audience with him & held them as if spellbound first melt them to tears and then encourage them with laughter —

In March of 1862 he went to Lawrence in connection with some of those western storms, took a severe cold brought on congestion of the lungs his partner the Marvin went to Lawrence and brought him to A. T. Atchison hoping that kind nursing and proper medical aid would save him — but alas, he sunk under it — he died aged forty-six leaving a widow and five children the oldest aged 12 the youngest 5 months — two sons & three daughters

Jamstown Aug. 13th 1870 by lightning it struck
E.H. Foot

crossing,

I have heard
work to find dates, with regard
to church matters. The M.E.C
was ^{started} started in 34 or 5 next
addition put up 153 by Carroll
& Hunkley. when the first bus-
ness was made cant the East
addition was started 165
by A. Price

Sweden M.E. Church was
created 158 built by sweds.

The Sweden Lutheran Church
erected in 165 by sweds

It has rained almost
all the time here for
four weeks. water
high a good many accident

that Muple tree by Conies
house killed Lewis Halls horse
& a young lady at Frewbury
burned a number of barns.
C.C. Butch is vary sick;
Dr Thompson says if he
lives thru to day he may
git up

Got my House pretty near
finished all well
yours
S.B. Winsor

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Janestown Sept 23, 1870

I Ruben Woodward of Collicott
aged 82 years hereby certify
that I visited what is now Janestown,
for the first time, in the summer of
1812, and commenced work for James
Prendergast the latter part of August,
and labored for him about 1½ months
at \$13 per month, and helped lay the founda-
tion of the present mill dam, as
he had then determined to take down the
first mill dam and saw mills, he had created,
as I understood, the previous year, on ac-
count of the inundations about the Lake caused
by the first dam. While laboring for said
Prendergast his log house near the first
dam took fire from accident in the
daytime, and was burned and very little
saved - Miss Nancy Clark afterwards Mrs
Forbes, and one other woman were then
working for Judge P. Mrs. P. not there. I
was present at the fire after the house
was partly consumed and lost my coat
(all the clothing I had, save the pantaloons, shirt & rags) & had in
also pocket-book and all the money I had,

as I was unable to get my clothing out of the chamber - John Blawie was present at the fire; and his log house at the head of the Rapids, and Judge P^r, were then the only houses in what is now Jamestown, and not a worked road into it. After the house was burned, the men erected a board shanty out of 16 feet boards 2 boards long and one wide, where the cooking and house work was done until a framed house was erected as I understood that fall. The shanty stood on the north side of the new mill race, and the men lodged in the new unfinished first mill where it stood, when finished, for many years.

I was not in this country in the year 1813, but came out with my father, Joshua Woodward, in 1814, when he removed here.

This Statement made at the request of E. T. Dote
Reuben Woodward

Rev Lyman J. Fisher
Westfield, N.Y. Baptist
Grandson of A. Jackson
died in 1812 first burial
worksburg. I set a
little stone at his grave.

Rochester, N.Y.
Theological Seminary
Friday A.M. Dec 16th 1870

8. Rev E. J. Foste

Dear Sir:

I was glad to receive
a line from you a few days since, when
I came to my charge in Westfield.

I have not yet been to Worksbrough
to try & identify the spot you have described
to me, but have the utmost faith that I
should find it to be the locality I have been
so long & anxiously, tho' hitherto fruitlessly
seeking. I often think of you & your kindness
with fervent thanksgivings.

Since I saw you, I was called home
on account of the sickness of my father.
He lives in Otsego Co., this state.
He is still living, but quite feeble.

When I narrated to him & mother, the
story of your disinterested kindness of ^{over} 50 yrs
ago, & how the fact had leaped almost
accidentally into the light, while you were
able to verify it, as probably the only survivor
who could even have touched the clue —
it seemed to give them a new lease
of life. "O how much mother would
have given to have heard this before she
died!" says my mother, but I understand
has joined "the general assembly & church of the
1st born."

I am now spending my weeks at
Rochester in Thev studies returning
to Westfield to preach on Sabbath, so
that it would be difficult for me to
make explorations in Worksbrough until
spring or summer. Then I hope
to have the happiness of thorough
inspection. Should you come out
to Jamestown, I wish you would
communicate with me & perhaps I
could exchange a Sabbath with
the Jamestown pastor & together
with you visit the locality.
I hope you may be spared yet
many years, & your health be preserved

I have not communicated anything
as yet to our County Journals till I
was able to verify our hopes by unmistakable
facts. - I am glad to learn the
Sword is working in your midst
in New Haven. Some have
also recently found Jesus among
us in Westfield & still others inquire
the way. Remember me & mine
& may the blessing that maketh truly
rich rest upon you is the prayer
of your brother in X^t.

Sydney J Fisher

Genl. Hoote.

Apr 1, 1871 New Haven April 1/71

Gov. Patterson.

My Dear Sir,

I added a note to your
Judge Compell, Col Bell, and A Dixon -
relative to the route of the old French por-
tage Road. I have been written to respecting
the route of that road. I recollect each one
of you had mentioned to me long ^{since} the evident
traces of that road. Unless now ^{since} misword. The evi-
dent traces of that road could be entirely lost.
There is corroboratory testimony of the opening of
that road of what I published relating to it.
I could never find on the surveyors field notes of
the range or parallel lines or lots anything
which would favor the idea of any dis covers
of the route of that road.

I am still satisfied that the tradition
of a British army of 800 ^{persons} in 1782 being encam-
ped about Chautauqua ^{Lake} with 12 pieces of artillery
for two months is a mistake. I cannot find

recorded evidence, either American,
or English -

The time of encampment ^{named} was only about
16 or 17 years before the Range & Township
lines were run, and the shores of Cham-
paign & Lakes were traversed, yet no ser-
-vicer notes of any discovery of such an en-
campment. In the subsequent surveys of
the land in the vicinity, the surveyors, I think,
made no discovery of such occupation.

800 men with 12 pieces of artillery & horses
could not have been encamped there two
months without leaving evident marks.

They must have built a quantity of
boats or canoes to transport such a number
of men ^{& artillery}, unless they brought boats from
Lake Erie, & if so, they must have left
a strongly marked ^{portage} road, all traces of
which would not have disappeared be-
fore the surveys - The old Indian trails
between Catawagus & Conewango &
Allegheny were noticed by the surveyors as
History from tradition often misleads.

Again no competent officer, I think could
have undertaken such an expedition in
such a wilderness & of that distance
with an army of 300 Whites & 500 Indians
to attack ~~the~~ an armed fortification as the
one at Pittsburgh, and command by an un-
learned officer with any hopes of success ex-
cept by surprise, and that would be hopeless.

I suggest three things for your
consideration.

I have examined Sparks's 15 Volumes
much of their original letters with Gen.
Washington & other officers, a quite a number
of them about 1782 from Gen Irvine also
was said to have been authority for the British
army at Cheat Lake and I find nothing on
the subject. If you have any facts on this
point please inform me.

Many years since I obtained from Judge Elliot
at the Hd Co Land office at Batavia a num-
ber of old ^{obsolete} articles of the SE part of our County -
Last year I was at Batavia & found from Judge

My son, that most of the old land office
papers there had gone to the paper mills.
When at your place last fall, I exam-
ined your old book of obsolete articles,
and with your clerk, whose name I forget,
and selected some old articles which
I brought home - From the appearance
of these books of articles & place of deposit, I
suppose they will soon be destroyed or carried away

With your approval I enclose a line
herein to your clerk asking him to select
more articles from your old papers -

I have had a hard winter, the cold
weather has operated on me unfavora-
bly. cold days confined me to my house. but
I hope to visit Aunt early next summer

I Verily hope to hear from you through
your ^{reference} papers or other wise relative to the route
of the old French portage road

With kind regards I am as ever

Truly yr. kind
Most Obedt

Respects to Mrs P. dau.

E. J. Poole

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Buffalo, June 16th 1871.

Hon. Elisha J. Hoote

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society, held on the 13th inst., the Corresponding Secretary was directed to convey to you the thanks of the Society for your donation noted below:

Yours Respectfully,

Geo. S. Armstrong

Corresponding Secretary.

Supervisors Proceedings & Civil History of Chautauqua Co.; Historical
Scraps of Chautauqua Co.; Yale College 1868, 1869, 1870; Two Catalogues of Yale
Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale; 11 Pamphlets

Buffalo Historical
Society June 6 1871
acknowledging receipt
of donation Books &c

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Limestone Sep. 4. 1871

Hon E T Foote

Dear Sir

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30 ult. cordially sympathizing with you in the purposes & objects of your pursuit, "in collecting the early reminiscences of James Pomeroy," I shall cheerfully render all the assistance I am capable of. You are correct as respects myself, I first visited St. Louis June 1816, again the November following, spent the winter, left with raft of lumber, March 1817 spent the summer at Limestone, now Maysville, Kentucky returned in Sept. Bought the Corner 1818 & built as per your statement 1819. Spent a part of each year thereafter with the Buclong, with occasional trips down the river with lumber, until 1826 when

in June, I came with goods & resided
ever since. Built with Abiel Tiffany
the mill on the tract of about 1600 acres
purchased of the Kennedy heirs in 1829.
During these 55 years I have watched with
unabated interest the slow but steady
advancement in its various industry &
thrift. I have perused your letters pub-
-lished in our village papers with much
pleasure & shall inform you (if I find
any thing has slipped your treaty pen)

Respectfully yr

Gilus Tiffany

Our family receive your kindly
greeting, & would be remembered by
you & yours G.D.

The fatal catastrophe of the
victim of the Challenge Exploration has been
heard & commended by you, it is one
of the most careless, unskillful affairs
on our murderous record, so of
of the foul murder at the brewery
(Charlton excepted) he has there far been
considered a fair man but his place
has been the scene of frequent broils

The Mammoth bones, exhumed north
of Cemetery, are worthy of inspection
I think they will interest you,

G.D.

Silas Tiffany Esqr
letter on his settlement
in Johnston & Col-
lections - Sept 4 1871

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Cattaraugus Reservation
Upper Mission Station, Versailles P.O.

Sept. 30. 1871.

Hon. Ebel T. Foote.)

New Haven, Conn. }

Dear Sir,

You will per-
haps recollect that when the little
Church of converted pagans on the
Tonawanda Reservation was received
under care of Presbytery at Westfield
and a Committee appointed to raise
funds and build them a Meeting-
House you suggested that you might
perhaps render some assistance in
regard to procuring a bell, and a
cheap Communion service. After
so long delay, the house is now
nearly completed. It is a small
but neat building. (30 + 40ft with
a 10ft vestibule in front.) with a
well proportioned steeple. The contrac-
tor says it will bear a 700th bell, but

it seems to me that 400^{lbs} or at most
500, would be as heavy as would be best
to risk.

Inasmuch as you requested me
to notify you whenever the building
should be near completion, I have
taken the liberty to do so, notwith-
standing the protracted delay in
getting it up. The little Church
holds on its way nobly; and will
be grateful if you can do any
thing towards calling the surround-
ing pagans into the sanctuary of
the Lord on his holy Sabbath day.
Thanking you for all your
kind interest in behalf of the
Indians in the years gone by,
and praying that the Lord may
show on you an abundant reward.
I remain Very truly & Respectfully
Yours in Christian love
Asher Wright.

Elijah Bishop Esq.
estimates of the flow of water
in the outlet of Arcer Lake
at various periods &
seasons of the year

Oct. 5th 1871

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Jamnetown. Oct 5th 1891

Hon. E. Footh

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request, I proceed to furnish you with my knowledge of the comparative amount of water passing here in the outlet in former years, & at the present time. I do this the more willingly as the public are greatly indebted to you for your praiseworthy & efficient efforts to rescue from oblivion many interesting facts in relation to this ^{early} history of this town. Your labors may not be appreciated by only a few now, but future generations will place you among their most valued benefactors.

I came into this town forty two years ago this week, & by reference to my notes of ^{travel} kept at that time, the large volume of water issuing from the lake, & its prospective benefits as a power, were duly noted.

But I had no practical knowledge of the exact amount of water used until 1832, when I commenced operation as a millwright on the upper dam for Judge Prudden at; when I learned that it was a general feeling among those who seen the works, that the amount of water used was of no consequence, as they had plenty of water & a great surplus except in the driest time in the summer - High water instead of low, was considered the greatest obstacle -

I was employed to repair both the Saw, & Grist mills that year, & will give as near as I can remember the amount of water used in each - on the Gang mill of from 17 to 20 saws, they used about 500 inches - on the Slabbing mill 288 square inches, & on the Shore mill 384, making in all, 1172 inches - In the Grist mill was three wheels to drive the Stones, & a bott wheel - The gates were constructed so as to use more or less water, but when in full operation they used from 500 to 600 square inches - The factory owned by Hazelton & Falconer drew over 300 inches also, & for all, there was water to run most of the year except the gang mill - Subsequently, I rebuilt much of the works on the dam below, where back-water (as it was called) much of the time hindered wheels from running until I put in reaction wheels & others which need not run under water - The character of the stream has gradually changed from year to year, the water ~~is~~ ~~higher~~ ~~at~~ ~~times~~ ~~than~~ ~~formerly~~ & the stream rises higher at times, & falls lower notwithstanding the Lake as a reservoir, greatly modifies its flow - The reason why there is a less supply of water in the Lake than formerly, is obvious to all - The country then was mostly covered with forests; This alone is known in winter storms of rain & snow - Then the trees, & foliage on the ground, moss, leaves & other matters, held the water until much of it soaked into the ground, feeding springs which were gradually poured out through streams into the Lake -

After the land became cleared the side hills were
water sheds, from which in the time of storms,
the water run into the ravines, & through them
poured in torrents into the Lake - in clear
weather the water in open fields was ^{also} rapidly
taken up by evaporation - Hence on many
small streams on which I once existed, now
in time of great storms become a mighty
rushing torrent, & in a few days all run out,
& the beds become dry & are abandoned as a
water power - The conclusion is - first that
there is less water falls now in each year than
formerly - second that it is more ^{distributed} unequally
in the year, the streams rise higher, & falls
much lower for reasons already given -
These are the results of my observation which
are at your service -
Yours very respectfully

Elwjak Bishop

... & will write him in the matter
you mention it is desirable

Calcutta Nov 21st 1871

Dear Sir,
I have received your letter of the 17th inst.

It was all ~~very~~ ^{very} kind, & I thank
you for the expressions of
kindness & friendship in it. I am
You was written in a time of great
fatigue from professional cares, but
I felt I could not wait to write
more at length for - ~~but~~ ^{but}
when that ^{time} ~~time~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{over} &
I know from past experience a letter
from a friend at such a time is
like the ^{direct} ~~direct~~ ^{ray} of the sun & the
& ~~rejoicing~~ ^{rejoicing} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the ~~eyes~~ ^{eyes} ~~with~~
no words spoken from ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~which~~
has passed through the deep waters
times to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~shown~~ ^{shown} you that
the ~~presence~~ ^{presence} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~lost~~ ^{lost}

It was my earnest wish to have
been present at the Soc. Meeting
in Bridgeport - but I had several
Syphilitic patients under treatment
& could not leave - had I have
been permitted to be present I
should have written most heartily
into any appropriate testimonial
~~sent~~ to the memory of your
much loved son - I had testified
my esteem of him as a man
& as a physician by recommending
him to my dear sister as her
family physician - her son is
at college at Yale & she & her
only surviving daughter are boarding
at 116 Chapel St. to be near him
her son was injured by a fall at
the Gymnasium & her daughter
ran for you son - I learned that
he was just dead - then Mother
was absent in N.Y. & when
she returned learned this from

them & wrote me of it & so it
happened I being very busy did not
learn of your bereavement until
some days had elapsed -
My dear friend, We have both of
us passed thro' bitter trials - both have
been widowed - & now you have been
called to lose a darling son whom
it would naturally seem God had
given you for the Staff of your old
age - ~~the~~ I have buried three child-
ren - all young, but the last one
taken had so entwined her self
around my heart it seemed as if
it would kill me - now I have
4 sons & 1 daughter the latter but 7
years old - My sons are 25, 21, 16
& 10 yrs of age & all at home now
but the eldest goes to Florida
for the winter - he spent the last
winter there with my brother &
sister - he is a dentist & an excel-
lent Operator -

My sympathies are constantly
going out to you & it is a great
comfort to me your writing as
you have that you can say
"ful that God has done it"

& we know that "He doeth all
things well" & He will give us
grace to say "My will be done"

I thank you for the papers
& return them ^{the papers} - Was it from
Cincinnati?

I thank you for your kind
offer of the W. J. it says "Manufacturing"
I have but the years 1863 &
1864. - If you wish to send them
to me my nephew Everett W.
Swift at 116 Chapel St. could
call & get them & send me by
a young student from Colchester
by the name of "Ston" who will
come home to thanksgiving &
I suppose ^{also} to Christmas & New Year
again in the best of bonds I am
your truly S. E. Swift.

Cattaraugus Reservation

Versailles P. O. Oct. 30, 1877

Hon. S. T. Foote

New Haven Conn

Respected & Dear Bro.

Your kind note of the 27th is at hand this evening

The name of the Church is (in full) "Tonawanda Reservation Presbyterian Church"

which you ^{can} abridge materially in the marking. We should be glad to have

you abridge it sufficiently to make room for "Presented by Hon. S. T. Foote

of New Haven Conn" or some other form of ala for keeping the donor's name

fresh in the memory of the brethren. Col. Phinb's Christian name is Joseph H. His address is 1238 Main

Street Buffalo. Probably it will be best to forward the package to his

Care notifying him by mail when to

expect it. The articles you speak of will be amply sufficient for the Church, even if it should increase according to our most sanguine hopes. I regret to learn of your poor health and also that Dr. Thompson, who seemed so well when we met at Jamestown, has had something like a stroke of paralysis. I call down them and there the Divine blessing upon those still unconverted pagans, as well as upon us who expect to be laboring for their conversion?

Very truly & gratefully Yours,

Asher Wright

We wished to have the Church dedicated on the 2^d Tuesday of November, but Synod arranged to commence on that day a Foreign Missionary Anniversary Meeting at Batavia, and so we deferred the dedication until the 3^d Tuesday (the 21st) and we are hoping to spend the whole week in a protracted meeting. I need not ask you to remember that meeting in your prayers, but cannot you enlist some other praying souls to unite in the effort to

Rud. Asher Wright
Catawagus. Ind. Missions
Versailles Ny P. Office
Octr 30, 1871.

on Tonawanda reservation
church & its dedication

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Rev. Dr. Bacon
of these four or five students

New Haven, Dec. 11, 1871.

Dr. & Mrs. E. T. Foster,

Dear friends,

I trust you will excuse the liberty which I take in asking your assistance for some of our theological students.

You know how rarely the sons of rich men choose the ministry as their life work. The majority of those who are serving the Churches to day, as pastors or as missionaries - & the majority of the young men who are aspiring to the same service - are men whose parents were not able to support them in college or in the theological seminary.

If such men are discouraged
& turned back to secular em-
ployment for want of ne-
cessary aid, the churches &
the cause of the gospel will suffer
loss.

Our Theological Department
has a scholarship fund of about
\$20,000 in all, but the income
is altogether inadequate to our
need with the present number
of beneficiary students. We have
promised \$100 for each year
to every student needing such
aid - the same offer which
is made in other theological
seminaries; but, without help
from liberal friends, we shall
not be able to redeem our
promise. On the 20th of this

month, we must pay to these
young men at least \$600 more
than we have in the treasury.

At the close of our term, May 14,
there will be another deficiency
of \$1000. The professors have di-
vided the entire deficiency for
the year among themselves, each one
undertaking to be responsible for
his part.

Of course I could not have
assumed such a responsibility ex-
cept in the expectation of laying
the matter before some friends
of the cause, who, when the case
is simply stated to them, will
count it a privilege to do some-
thing (& will find that they can)
towards relieving us & these ex-
cellent young men. I have
therefore stated the case to you,

Knowing that you will both
if you count it a privilege
to do for us, in this emergency,
whatever you can do consistently
with other duties.

The number of students in
the Department was never but
once larger than now; & never,
I think has there been a higher
average of character or of talent.

I do not know whether
your engagements will permit
you to do anything for us
at this time, but in any event,
I shall not doubt your interest
in the cause, or your friendly
regards for your old pastor,
Leonard Bacon.

An octavo Pamphlet 16 pages

Immature and duration of Future Punishment

737 Henry Constable All, Prebendary of York.

Reprinted from the 2^d London editions. New Haven Conn 1871
Chas. & Chas. Pict.

With an introduction by G. L. Davis A. B. M. D. Prof Yale College & Discours
in the 2^d Cong. Ch. of New Haven.

"Fought from childhood as doubtless you have been that all
souls are possessed of immortality and that for the wicked ones hell is a
place of eternal torment, I ever accepted the belief and have for years enforced
it on others. But during a recent journey in Europe my faith in that
doctrine was staggered by the sight of the multitudes there and at the thought of the
outlying millions of still of Asia & Africa all hurrying on to God's tribunal. How could
I be reconciled that with the accepted doctrine of unending punishment & suffering."

"I carefully read over the above pamphlet of Mr Constable - The wicked
after the final judgment are to be literally destroyed by the fire of Him who
crieth ^{unto} us: is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" Upon their final
death we can look with comparative calmness, though we cannot wipe their pro-
tracted life in suffering" The impunitent heathen ignorant of redeeming love,
speedily perish, while a longer, more fearful, doom the many stripes of those "who
knew and did not" awaits the obstinate rejector of God's infinite grace."

"I know also that not a few of our devout and thoughtful clergy men have said
"ones difficulties on this point." Hear the testimony from that well known preacher
and Bible expounder Rev Albert Barnes. Speaking of sin & entrance into the world
and of that eternity of suffering he felt constrained to teach he declares

"There are ~~not~~ real not imaginary difficulties && I confess, for one, I feel them
and feel them the more sensibly and powerfully the more I look at them and the longer
I live. && I do not know I have a ray of light on this subject which I had not when the

"When Christ the subject ^{first} flashed across my soul" and onward another few
"a graph & & "I have never seen a particle of light thrown in these
"subjects that has given a moment's ease to my tortured mind. && to us
"all dark - dark - dark to my soul and I cannot disperse it."

(Bones' practical sermons - Lindsay & Blackiston Phila 1860 1..)

"In conclusion I may state that this question of future punishments
"has been of late freely discussed in the Religious magazines of England,
"and I am informed that a large portion of the intelligent and devout British
"clergymen of all denominations accept the truth of the views herein stated
"The agitation of this subject has not reached our shores at least not fully as yet,
"but it must be met; and the sooner the better for the glory of God, and our
"common Christianity." N. A. Haven born Feb 1871 "C. L. Jones"

The above are extracts from ~~Introduction~~ of Professor Jones' introduction to
- Constables pamphlet, except the quotation from Rev. Albert Bones sermon on

D. C. Jones
Pamphlet on
eternal punishments



American Bible Society,
Bible House, Astor Place,
New York, Jan 23^d 1872

Mr. Elisha Todd Foote
New Haven, Conn

Dear Sir:-

I have the pleasure to acknowledge with thanks, your favor of 22^d inst. enclosing \$30, to constitute your son James Hall Foote of this city, Life Member of our Society. The amount will be entered to your credit as a donation, and the certificate of Life membership, sent as desired.

Please find herewith usual receipt.

Very Respectfully
A. Dyer
Secy. A. B. S.

American Bible Soc
Receipt #30 Jan 23 72
James Hall Foots Life
members.

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Frederica Schenck

February 4th 1842

My dear Sir

I received yours with its enclosure
by due course of mail and thank you for
your kindness in sending them. I return
them to you as requested. I can say that
I was not surprised at the result I had
at first but little doubting the result
as it was their constitution I had been
informed by my brother the late Governor
that a suit in which James Watson & Co
was interested had been brought through
that Court for political purposes, I was
therefore not surprised when Judge
Johnson told me many months before this was
decided or argued that it was all arranged
in advance and that some Senator who
was unwilling that their names should appear
in it were to be conveniently absent at
the final decision. Did I have since
understood that the leading opinion
of one of the Justices was written out
by one of the Attorneys of Whitehead but
this was a long time before the case
was argued. But the decision is not

as it was stated in the reports a monument
of the invention or strikidity of the
when some appear in its power

My head has been whitened with the
years of eighty winters but time has
laid his hands rather lightly upon me my
health is tolerably good and with the
exception of a deficiency of hearing and
some stiffness in my limbs

You ask if I am not the
last living member of my father's
family: I have two sisters left Mrs
David J. Mattson age 74 and Mrs Charles
J. Platt widow Commodore Matt Platt
residing at Binghamton she is, what may
be said 74. I sincerely expect to hear
that your health continues good. I would
wish that returning health might
illumine your pathway of life for the
few years it will be spared and peace
prosperity be your lot

Yours Respectfully

W. W. Sweet

Don't forget to

Sam Perry Walworth
on the Watercolor

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J. L. Burbee
on my lat- found in history

Stockton Feb. 26th 1812

How. O. T. Fote: My dear friend:
I have just concluded the reading
of your last article on the Early History
of Jamestown. Had you not given
me timely warning, by your kind letter
I should have been greatly surprised
your previous letter had led me to
fear that you might not be able to
finish the task you had so well begun.
Well, we thank the blessed Lord
for his mercies and that you have been
able to paint so well, the early days
of the growing village of Jamestown.
Hitherto you have been a little distrust-
ful that the infirmities of age, might so
impair the mind, that it could not be
trusted. I beg you not to be alarmed.

This book will compare favorably with
your previous productions, and in
style and diction is above criticism.

I know it has cost you
much labor and time and I feel that
the people of Jamestown and of old
Chautauque will thank you most
cordially from the very bottom of their
heart of hearts.

O, we love to think
of the "Long Ago" - Even the log cabins
in the woods and the cow paths along
the winding way, overshadowed by the
wide-spreading trees, carry with them
many thoughts of good cheer. We were
young then, and the future was all bright
with "happy days yet before us" - Ossian
says that "Age is dark and unlovely" - But
is there not a beauty in ^{the} twilight that

will soon open with the rising sun
from the Chambers of a black eternity?

I should be much gratified, and
(I think I speak the sentiments of our
people) if your History of Jamestown
and other production from your pen
relative to our Country, were compiled
into a book. It will certainly be done
but I fear no one can do it so well
as yourself. I profess a desire to
assist in preserving the early history
of our Country, but feel how inadequate
I am to the task: I have been engaged
recently in trying to write out a sketch
of Capt. Andrew Putnam and family. I
shall go to Jamestown to-morrow and
perhaps I may offer it for publication.
I ^{now} take the liberty to refer to you in
connection with this sketch, and should

It be published I hope you will not
feel that I have exceeded the bounds
of propriety. I have been informed
that you and Capt. Putnam were
residents of the same neighborhood and
that your position in the Historical Society
of New Haven might enable you to
throw much light on the pedigree of
this family. Perhaps Mr. Fletcher may
think that my sketch may not be
of sufficient interest to the reading
public to warrant its publication.
This may be true and a proper
reason for its suppression, because
a majority of the family are yet
living. I am so glad to hear from
you always and to find you still able
to do good service in the historical field.
Good night God bless you ever more
Truly yours, J. S. Dwight

Home Missions, Presbyterian Church,

30 Vesey Street, (P. O. Box 3863.)

New-York, Feb. 1872

E. J. Foote

Dear Sir,

Please accept thanks for
contribution per your favor of \$10.00
and find receipt enclosed.

Truly Yours,

S. D. POWEL,

Treasurer.

The Lord bless you, Dear Brother,
and make your declining days
bright with His presence

Treas Presbyterian
Board Home Missions

Recd 877 cents

July 6 1872 \$30

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Home Missions Presbyterian Church.

S. D. POWEL, TREASURER.

MISSION ROOMS, 30 Vesey Street.

New-York, Feb 6th 1872.

The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions acknowledges the Receipt of

Thirty Dollars

from E. J. Foster Esq. New Haven Conn.

\$30 = 1/100

S. D. Powell

Treasurer.

G. B. Brookway Esq

Ripley

Farley Fuller Farm

Hudson County N.Y.

March 4th 1872

Hon. E. S. Felt

Dear Sir

A letter received here
I presume in due time from you making
some enquiry about manner of those now
occupying the old Farley Fuller farm
Being from home at the time must
account for it not having come under
my notice, then, as I found it among
some letters I was looking over to day

The original 200^{acs} owned by him
during his residence here at that early
day (and a good farm it was) was sub-
divided and the parts have several
times changed hands, The larger portion
is now owned and occupied by
Mr. John W. Dawson, It has on it a fine

Brick house built by Ellibee Marvin
sold by him to Judge Selden Marvin
by him sold to Stephen ^{by grand son of Thomas P.} Pondergast. Now
transferred by him to its present occupant
a good substantial farmer from the Old
regions of Pennsylvania. The rest part
about 70 Acs is owned and occupied
by Timothy Randall a long resident of
the town. Although many changes
has been made in that part of our town,
the old settlers, many of them long since
gone to their long home, yet leaving their
representative posterity, while others are
in a good sense new owners, the neighbour-
hood maintains its good name for
quiet, peaceable industrious Christian people.

I have only to regret the circumstances
which led to this long delay in answer
to yours, and hoping that in the providence
of God, your useful life may be preserved
yet for many years. Your Obedient Servant
C. B. Brookway

Ofed Edson Esq
Is still collecting data
information &
documents

Steinclairville Ohio Co. O.

March 8th 1872

Esq Ed. H. Foot

Dear Sir

I rec^d your letter of
the 6th of Feb - I was in poor health
when I received it, & have been un-
able to answer it until within a
short time - During the earlier
part of this winter, in medicine, after
writing my last letter to you I
went down into Pennsylvania to
assist in making the preliminary
survey, & in locating a new rail
road into the Oil County, from Warren
to Oil City, & which is a continuation
of the Dunkirk Warren and Pittsburgh
R.R. - I was engaged there for a
month or two - It has been recently
reported that this new road is now

to be completed - that an arrangement
has been made to that effect, by the
the other Mr. whose interests are
affected by its building, to the great
damage of the Oil interests; This
report you will see by the papers is
causing great excitement at Titus-
ville, & through the whole Oil Country
after finishing my journey, I spent
some little time at Albany attending
to the first case I have had ~~to~~
argue in the Court of Appeals, ⁱⁿ which
I have had the good fortune to
succeed, with which I of course am
well pleased - I have the pleasure
of the fall and winter been
quite busily engaged in my business -
yet I have found time to make
a little progress in collecting material
bearing upon the settlement of the
Old Town of Geny - I have been to
Fredonia & made a copy of that

part of the assessment rolls of the town
of Pomfret that relate to the town of
Gerry, but find the most important
assessment rolls for my purpose gone
(1809) & (1810). I have also made copies
of all the surveys of roads in the town
of Gerry to be found in the Pomfret
Road Book - I have seen Mr Kent
whose father was the first proprietor
of the early settlers of Cherry Creek & have
taken down in writing in full his
statement - Also the statement of
Mr John P. Hadley one of the very
earliest settlers of the town of Cherry
Creek - his recollection is full and
accurate - I have taken the statements
of Oliver Strong of Gerry, and John
West who helped build the Old Chane
(Tanger Road through Gerry) & others,
Also the statements of
I find there is some doubt whether
John Pickett & his companions were
the first to actually settle in the

in the town of Charlotte in the North
West part of the town, on Roberts Seaver
& Barrow Ecdson at Charlotte Centre;
when I wrote my account of the
settlement of Charlotte, I believed that
John Pickett & his companions were
the first to settle & am inclined to
think so still - I had frequent con-
versations with John Pickett who is
still alive & he informs me that his
party commenced building their
shanty on the 1st of April 1809 -
Mr. Mandolph Seaver son of Roberts
Seaver deceased in several recent
conversations which I have had with
him seems confident that his
father & Barrow Ecdson came in
as early as March 1809 - Mr. Pickett

thinks they were not in, in April
although he does not know - the fact
I consider of much importance to
ascertain correctly, & I have exhausted
all the means of ascertaining - If
I could ascertain the date of Seaver
Ecdson & Pickett's article it would

I borrow - Bull filling
in some plots of mine &
Bull was well go
Grind freeze 3 feet deep

James Town, April 1/72

Dear Father

We are always
glad to hear from you, I have
not written to you as often
as I should knowing Mary
Aim kept you pretty well
posted I have neglected to write
In regard to the land that
Bull filled for you is I think
a good job. Last fall up to Dec
until it froze up it was solid
& a good grade to Harrison St.
could drive all over it with
loaded teams as Bull filled the
east end of Hales lot late in
the fall & drove across the no
-the end of your lot with
all the dirt over the ground

Whitch he filed for you & april will decide it as Buffalo
it was as solid as the ^{hard} ground. votes on that day to see if
above, I was down to look at they bond the City for one
the lots to day it looks all million if they up the tax
right but you cannot tell it will be a pretty thing
as well about it is frozen up - James town has voted
solid. I suppose from all I can a tax off 200,000, 7/8 of the tax
learn the ground must be payed have signed to be tax
frozen at least 2 1/2 feet deep to you see Edlicott is shure
Mr. Bull, told me he dug to be bonded for 200,000, all
a grave up in the cemetery the towns on the line in
Yesterday it was frozen 3 feet this state are going a head
I will put you about filed to bond their towns, you can
hands as soon as the frost judge by reading the paper
is out of ground & will put on some thing about it
a good coat of timothy seed
as I have it on hand
I see Mary Ann
as to the Buffalo James town has given you the particulars
& Titusville R. Road looks to in regard to Edmonds wife
be a shure thing & would be I think the \$6500 you sent E.
built as soon as there and wife last fall to go to him was
money could do, The 14th of a good investment as you are
for your self or for us as it

has turned out it is all
for the best - if she had of you
to bring the money would
of all been you long before
this & done no one any good,
but the course she has taken
will free E from bondage
I hope & that soon we ex-
pect a letter from E every
Mail, I shall have the
necessary papers to send to
him to get a divorce from
his wife, E says his lawyer
tells him if he can get the
proper evidence he can get
a bill at the next term of
Court there will be no tr-
ouble in ^{getting} all the evidence
he may want, I think E
is in a good country, I shall
advise him to stick to his cl-
-me I guess if E gets rid of
his present wife he will be
all right, - not aff. truly S.C.C.

Hillingly, Conn. July 24. 1872

C. J. Foot Esq.

Dear Sir.

In the early part of the session of the General Assembly of 1871, Gov. Tyler handed to me a communication from you, giving information relating to J. Leonard Brigham, of Oregon. At that time, I was and propose to be absent at that time, the note was laid aside for some careful reading, and ever for the time being, lost. But in looking over some legislative papers the other day, I was very glad to find your kind communication. It relates to a subject in which I am much interested, and I shall communicate with you through J. L. Brigham.

I am descended from Edward Brigham, who came to New England, from Ipswich, England in 1634, and settled in

Boxbury Map. He had a son Joseph,
born in Roxbury in 1640. Joseph came
to Woodstock in 1686, being one of the
original proprietors of that town. He had
5 children, one of the number, Samuel
born 1673, from whom I am descended;
and Jonathan b. 1682, and he, I presume,
is the ancestor of J. Leavelle, and must
have been the grand father of J. Leavelle's
grand father.

A corn of mine, now in the
possession of Joseph, in Woodstock, the farm
having ever remained in the family, and I
hope it will continue to do so for many
generations to come.

Adieu me for any long way,
in answering your letter, the season being
now about expired.

Yours truly

C. H. Hughes

can arrange it as soon as may be convenient to send draft for amt. of note which
is drawn with interest. On all note made after Oct. 1 by new Law of Congress
no stamps are required. I have helped June along as seemed necessary. I know
of when she has drawn
about \$1000
for family &
the is so
backward
about asking
that he should
get pretty well
covered before
he asks for
any help or
that he should
be economical
as he can do
with little
family and
overhead
Apr. 1872
No. 14 7872
Grace

I enclosed statement of account showing
balance of \$725³⁰, most of which has been carried
from last spring along through the fall, and as I knew
how you was situated, I had not intended to render
it until January, or perhaps later. - Yet it has not
been very convenient to carry it along as the firm
has had to use considerable money during the fall
while, ^{most of} this amount has been on private mem.
against me personally ^(as special acct.) in the cash drawer, so
that neither you or James has been known in the
matter - Now however, that you refer to the \$800 which
mother wishes to loan, I thought better to render the
acc^t & let you know how much it is, & suggest
that she take my note, with your endorsement,
for \$800, and with proceeds I can cancel what
I owe the concern on the special acct. referred to above,
which is ^{part of} the amt. of your acct. with me - and then
after the Dodd mortgage falls due you will be in
easy shape, & that will be before this note will
mature - I thought better to have the note long enough
to cover any contingencies, as the money can be used
to advantage in treasury so as to be worth the rate.
Even if some time elapses after Dodds paymt. before maturity of
note - I would hardly want to ask Knevals to give
note for about the same amt. I owe the concern as above
stated, & which I want to pay when everything is in easy shape
to do it, and so I think my plan is preferable and
probably full as acceptable to you & mother - If so, you

Hiram A. Fote

Nov 14 1872

Financial matter
address for James F. Fote
James is my daughter
Mary Ann Fote

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1872

Please write soon and I will answer you as soon as I can
Beloit Nov the 25 1872

Dear Grand Pa I rec^d your letter of a recent date and was very glad to hear from you but very sorry to hear your health is so poor but we must sooner or later go it matters not if we are only prepared to meet our God how I should like to see you, yes it is true Emmett had run away but I can not get anything we have seen the lawyers and they say as I am not his lawful wife I can get nothing I know you sent your affidavit to Emmett but he did not see it he said he could get a divorce with out it and he did swear false and although I was married by the ministers the same as any one still by law he is not my husband for he did not get a lawful divorce and it is a great wrong which he has committed upon me and my dear parents Pa & Ma's hair has grown gray so fast this summer and people say I look much older than before I was married if I could only have known that he swore false before I was married I might now have been a happy girl but we was married shortly after he got his divorce and how did I feel when I found what kind of man he was, no, but god knows how I have suffered and it is quite cold here and no comfortable clothes to wear it would not be so bad but Pa's health is poor and he is 57 years old and I am so poorly in health myself but I will try and be patient and god will bless me if I but do his holy and acceptable will. I have written to Emmett's Mother and told her some things and would have told her all but I was so grieved that day I could write no more. I hope she will not think that day I could for I am not and when I was married I was to blame would be kind to me and I thought Emmett be happy I do not know anything about his first wife and only what people had told me

but I do know he was not kind to me which is enough for
a wife to know I have told you nothing but the truth and Pa
would have written before but as I told you his hands were
very sore caused by burking corn. the shrobs are here as Emmett
had no ground prepared to put them in and we thank you
very much for them Ma and P Let them all out Emmett said
the might die he would not bother with them and he
does not appreciate any of the kindness he has rec Emmett
never read any of the good books you and his and Horos sent
him but I was reading them and he took them and gave to Mr
Rivers a most profane man and would not let me have
them but I have those two books you sent me and I love
dearly to read them but I have no papers I need to take the
Golden Bazaar a good moral and religious paper but now
I can not take it for I have no money it is 2 Dollars a
year and comes weekly perhaps you have seen it I have seen the
Editor of this paper his father abrid him when he was young
and drove him away from his home but god has blessed
him with lots of friends who have helped him till he
has got a printing press of his own and he supports himself
and his Sister, as I told you before I can get nothing of
his property and they Lawyers say it will cost me 35 dollars
to get a divorce from him and I do not know where that
will come from I thought I should have been free when
it was judged he would have been free but such is the law of Pa
and as I have lived with him as a wife so now I have
got to get a divorce to be free from him and it is hard
to be poor and be tied to a man like him for he has
been a disgrace to all people considers me just as respectable
his it for they know I did not know any thing till it was too
late but they say they do not consider him a respectable
man dear Grand Father do not think I ask you for help as
Emmett did care only to get the help and nothing more god
forbid it is out of necessity and want and I will write to
you as long as I can pen a word I am not a good writer for
my eyes are very weak if I had the means I would send
you my picture they cost 75 cts believe me or ever your friend

Jamestown, Dec 2/72
Dear Father,

I see by the
Daily Journal, that Broadhead
has purchased or rather estab-
-lished the site for the Alapaca
Factory on the east side of Foster,
in the north of outlet, The first
that I had heard that you
had made a sale

Broadhead, has purchased of
R. H. Henton, the five acres east
of Bulls, for \$1500.00 on 5 years time
The land was decided to be sold to
Broadhead, I think it doubtful
whether the Alapaca factory
will be located here or not if not
Broadheads purchas. of Henton
is a good investment. If the
Factory is located here & on the

Broadhead, purchase as they will
have to purchase of Bull to get
to center street, The Buffalo & East
Rd. road, runs winding through
the Broadhead purchase so you
see they will have to purchase of
Bull if they locate ~~any~~ factory
on B. purchase,

Do you want to
sell the 2 1/2 lots on six st, A. Mr.
Lauden, a son of J. J. Lauden,
wants to purchase them he offers
seven hundred & fifty dollars
twenty dollar ~~down~~ down the
balance in five equal annual
installments with interest,
Mr. Lauden is a carpenter &
joiner by trade wants the lots
to build on will bind himself
to erect a good respectable dwell-
ing on said lots the coming
Summer, If you wish to sell the
lots Mr. Lauden will take a

Contract, dated Dec 1/72 &
pay the \$20,000

I learn that Emma &
Brownell had a regular guard
in fact the whole family (Eg. Wife
& all, I shall learn the partic-
-ulars of the ~~the~~ the whole matter
in a few days, I suppose you have
got the payment on Devos Mortgage
he said he paid it in to Bank
when due

Yours aff
S. C. Crosby,

S. C. Crosby & M. A. C.
Jonestown Dec 2^d 1872
New London offer for lots
in Jonestown
Sent contracts to
S. C. Dec 10th 1872

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Prudonia Dec. 17, 1872.

Hon E. J. Fook

My dear Sir, Yours of 15th inst. came to hand yesterday, and I hasten to reply, as it is in reference to a subject that the improvement of time is important. There is no public man in Chautaugua County that I should be so highly gratified to see a well written Memorial ^{as that of} ~~than~~ yourself; and while I thank you for the compliment that you deem me qualified to ~~do~~ such a thing, I must decline the invitation, and for no other reason than a self consciousness that I am not the right man for it. I am confident I could not do it to my own satisfac-

tion even, and therefore much less
to the satisfaction of your friends
and the public. When I was
the publisher and editor of a pa-
per. I felt at home in writing
short articles and finishing up in
a few hours the labors of a day,
but in any thing like book ma-
king or long continued literary
effort it was foreign to my habits
and aspiration. I hope, however,
you may hit upon some one
who will be willing and capa-
ble of meeting your views. Any
thing I could do to assist ~~such~~
an one I would do most cheap-
ly, for I have always considered
you one of my earliest and most
constant friend. I too have
arrived at that time of life to
admonish me to set my house
in order, and the hope that I have

for many years cherished, that there is in that house of many mansions a place prepared for me, enables me to wait calmly my Heavenly Father's appointed time to occupy.

I have not heard any thing from Mr. A. W. Young since I wrote you - presume he intends to go on with the history of our county. I hope nothing will interfere to prevent it.

Hoping that you may have many years spared you yet, and to hear from you often, with best regards to you and yours
I am truly Yours &c
A. C. Mishu

H. C. Frisbee
Dec 17/12
on writing a
memorial

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Jameson Dec. 18th 1872
E. J. Hook Dear Sir,

received the check for your
Union School Tax & have
marked it paid. The collector
for State County & Town Tax
is Mr. William R. Dewstow
I handed him the check
for that tax & saw him
cancel your Tax so those
taxes are now paid.

Last evening Mr. H. N. Gifford
was fixing up all of his
& Jones & Gifford's taxes &
among the rest I presented
him the Tax you did
not pay last summer.

on Village & Street Tax
 & which was assessed to
 you & which you then
 said was for Jones & Gifford
 to pay. Mr Gifford thinks
 you are mistaken & requested
 me to write you in regard
 to the matter. I will copy
 the assessment just as it
 is on the Roll. The amount
 paid by you & the amount
 you claimed was for them
 to pay. The assessment is
 as follows

E. J. Fook.	L. E. Fook Ave	3/4 ac	\$1200.00
"	"	L. W. " " N. R. R.	3/8 ac 375.00
"	"	L. Cor " " & R. R.	75.00
			\$1650.00

Amt paid by you was \$3.33 Amt
 you claimed for J & G. to pay .97⁰⁰
 which was on the second item
 on the Roll. assessed as

Land W. Foot Car & N. R.R., the above is the Village Roll.

The Street Roll is just the same only the amounts are different, as follows

E. J. Hook L. E. Foot Car \$1200.

" " " W. " " & N. R.R. \$375.

" " " Car " & R.R. \$75.

\$1650.00

Amount paid by you \$4.06, and
Claimed J. & G. to pay \$2.

Jones & Gifford claim they do not & never did own any land north of the R.R. which is the land you have designated for them to pay the taxes for. You can tell whether they are right or not the amount of both taxes as you will see remaining unpaid is \$2.97. I have tried to make it as plain as possible &

Silas Sherman
Fact collector
Jonestown Dec
1872
Answered July 4/73

have given you an exact
copy of the Roll, please
return us soon as possible

Your friend
Silas Sherman

Johns & Clifford have paid
taxes on 11, acres west
of Foots Ave & say that
owns all the land they
have ever had west of
Foots Ave by actual survey

1334 Chestnut St. Phila

Dec 19, 1872.

Eleat Todd Cook, Esq.

Dr. Sir

I enclose receipt for your remittance for Record and Fee at work, with thanks. I have also mailed to you a copy of the Report of the Board of Publication on which there is a purse marked for your information.

The best way to receive the information you wanted would be to send to each Board for their Annual Report. They are always glad to send it when asked. I found that I had not the information. We find the Reports but it is in general given on the cover and I have none with covers.

Yours truly
P. M. Walker

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Mr. Abram and Mrs. Nancy Cressy Kinnear

My Dear friends of half a century

I have just received your kind invitation to join with you in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of your marriage, at Junntown on the 1. July. 1872.

I should rejoice to attend with me & vote but the distance, the season of the year, and the infirmity of your forbids me the pleasure.

Permit me to congratulate you on the mercy of God that ^{has} spared you so long and a united happy married life - How few that are married calculate upon that are spared to enjoy fifty years of married life - I distinctly recollect when you were united in wedded life by Saml. A. Moore Esq. Monday day 1823. Both young and healthy, moral and industrious and dependent on your own exertions with all the good qualities of youth and Dutch origin, you started on the voyage of life and God has immediately blessed you - In early life you sought and found Christ as your Saviour and united with the people of God. You were blessed with children and never shall I forget that lovely and beautiful daughter, Miss Anna, taken from you in early womanhood to the spirit land, but God gave you grace to bear your deep affliction and the whole community sympathized with you - You have had your share of sickness, ^{and trials} yet an all-wise Providence has carried you through all and given you grace according to your day, and now having passed your three score and ten years with the ^{trials} ^{trials} of life devoid from honest industry and frugality, with a willing heart to advise with and learn upon, you use I trust ⁱⁿ ^{confidence} ⁱⁿ your declining years and looking to joy of a life with Christ that will never end and be united with those who have gone before you and that have ^{been} ^{admitted} into rest.

My Dear Friends I was married 6 years before you, but my own wife with whom you were united in Church relation was only the widow to me 23 years, leaving me with 50th children - What changes have we been permitted to see in more than 50 years since we settled there - How changed the village in population, in manners, religious principles, educational advantages and resources. But how few that started the journey of life in Junntown survive at the time, you & I remain the still survivors! The curtains have been drawn of the departed - I have witnessed a mighty house ^{with} ^{now} ^{and} what a multitude have been awarded to God.

Fifty years of wedded life! What a cause of gratitude is this! It is truly a privilege to live fifty years in this beautiful world - a world darkened ^{and} by sin, suffering and sorrow, yet a ^{glorious} ^{world} ^{illuminated} by the hope, the peace and the joy of the gospel of Christ - "our Lord indicated the preeminence which marriage has and was designed to have over all other relations of life when he said 'for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave into his wife and they twain shall be one flesh'"

A few remain in Jonestown that were there when you left
there. I know of but one ^{now} residing in the village that was there when I located in it.
The cemetery ^{afford} records of many of our duty acquaintances are
some ~~will be added to the list~~ it will be sad of us are to all gone
Levin was one gone before page 385

Hon. Tim J. Jenkins
from Washington
Jan 18 1846

Copy
Address to Rev. Mr.
Henry
invited to his 50
anniversary of many
Jan 1, 1873.

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Glennston Jan 2nd 1873

Mr. E. ...

I received your
kind letter regarding ...
and I am sorry that you could
not be with us

I have the only grave
marked in the family which is
a son born ...
My wife joins in kind
regards

Yours truly
J. W. ...

P.S. find enclosed ...

E P LePhur
Jonestown
son in law H Kimmey
July 2^o 1873

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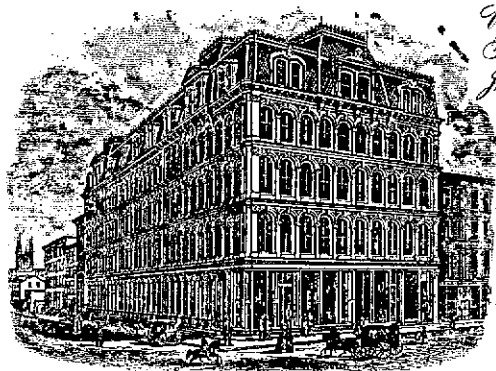
Mission Rooms

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

805 Broadway,

New York, Jan. 3, 1873



Mr. A. A. Root

Dear Sir,

The Corresponding Secretaries have presented before me the several letters from you in regard to the Honorable Father and you. I suffer me to say that I am rather glad that somebody made the "mistake" of writing to send his name to us at the time and I am glad you yourself did not mention to me what you probably knew at the time that your dear father had given the site for our Church in farthest town - for I would instantly have called to mind that fact & many others I know of him to his praise and the glory of our Common LORD - Glad, I say, for we never should have come into the possession of this most pleasant letter from him - It has a most agreeable odor as from a field which the Lord hath blessed. And it will be preserved by us with care over

Wait a few days please and we furnish
for him a Certificate for reading
it you - Mean time if you see him
or write to him, say for the subscriber
that although not knowing him
he has been esteemed by me who
has known his works & known his
reputation as a lover of good men.

Very respectfully

David Perry
Recy. Oct 1

I enclosed the letter
to return you a couple
of letters yourself &
perhaps may also be interested

For David Perry Recy
Albany. N.Y. My certificate
city N.Y. My certificate
to the National Association
for the Am. of the N.Y.
Jan 3, 1873

FROM
JUDSON BROTHERS,
PACKERS OF BEEF AND PORK,
AND PROVISION DEALERS,

J. T. JUDSON, }
C. E. JUDSON, }
W. D. JUDSON. }

313 STATE and 354 GRAND STREETS.

New Haven, Ct. July 9 1873

Mr J. E. L. Hoot

Sub Led 46
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July 15 1873
Judson Brothers

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Bill & Rept Tub Low
Paid \$3.80

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VACCINE VIRUS.

To Super Town Clerk Mass.
date - July 4 1873

The subscriber would announce to the medical profession, that he is prepared to fill orders for Vaccine Virus, from vaccinations of heifers.

He has the animals under his continual supervision, and personally charges with virus every point offered for sale, not leaving any part of the work to unprofessional persons.

He intends to make sale of none but pure and fresh Virus, and will, in case that a package of points proves inert, forward a second package without charge.

TERMS.

Ten Ivory Points, \$1.50.
Crusts from the Hoifer, \$3.00 each.

A liberal discount on orders for 100 points or more.

The subscriber is well known to the residents of Somerville, and refers by permission to

- Hon. GEO. O. BRASTOW, Mayor of Somerville.
- S. Z. BOYMAN, City Solicitor.
- W. W. Dow, M. D., City Physician.
- CHARLES H. TAYLOR, Clerk of Mass. House of Representatives.

HORACE CHAPIN, M. D.

Somerville, Mass., Jan. 1873.

[Handwritten notes and signatures, including 'The Subscriber', 'I have been through', and 'I have had the virus...']

To the Supervisors and Town ^{of} the town
of Hinsdale Colerain's County

Gentlemen, you are entire strangers to me and
the subject of this communication is unusual.

I am somewhat of an antiquarian and
a member for many years of the N.Y. Historical
Society and of the Westchester County Society of Curm.
We are frequently looking up the early history of
the ^{town} settled since the time have been settled over
200 years there many early matters are a mystery
& cannot be explained from any record extant.

your is a new town only about 53 years old
and even its early settlement is but a
short distance. But how can it be named
Hinsdale? I think 1819 then a young man
residing in ^{Westchester} ^{County} where I had lived 5 years I
was elected with Oliver Forward Esq of Buffalo to the
house of Assembly of the State of N.Y. from the Third ^{of}
the district of the territory now comprised the counties of
Cattaraugus, Chautauque, Erie & Niagara. I he by
later sat in January. I was on the Standing Committee
on the creation of divisions of the several counties and
among many petitions for New Towns in your County
was one for the division of Orleans of which year
was then a part. I had charge of the bill but was
hopeless it as a law, but the name is not the for which
the people petitioned for. If the people desire to know I
will give you an explanation on a sheet of paper
that you may insert into your first issue book and ~~the~~

Jamestown Game Seal Chase Company.

Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 14 1873

E. T. Foste Esq

Your letter to collector Shuman was shown to me last evening.

The entire tract of land west of F. A. and S. of R.R. is taxed to J. G. I think there is two errors, first, the assessor called the little piece between the R.R. and Roots your land, and valued it \$75.00 ^{1st} instead of paying on the spring lot valued at \$375. you paid on the small piece above mentioned, supposing the large piece was the one sold to us. I think the first time you are here it will all explain itself. The assessor in adding the one piece to your tax list caused the error, but as before stated, think you paid on the piece that should not assessed to you, but is to us with the other and taxes on same paid by us

Yours
N. N. Clifford

James Gifford
in Gifford
on mistake in
taxes in June
January 14/73

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Cambridge Jan'y 21. 1823.
Dear E. S. Felt.

My Dear Friend.

I received a short time ago a copy of the New Haven paper upon which was your name & concluded that it was through your kindness that I received it, & to night received another memento in the shape of a Pamphlet of Yale College for which you will please accept my thanks as a remuneration for your thoughtfulness until some more favorable opportunities shall offer themselves to reciprocate for the kindness to come.

I take great interest in the affairs of such institutions as colleges & all of the branches of science, although not allowed to participate in them on account of my ill health, yet it is my sin to look at the many things that it is my lot to enjoy, rather than to mourn over things that cannot be

participated in, trusting that He who knoweth
even the fall of a sparrow, "Doeth all things well."
for aught I know my affliction may be
the very means of leaving me free of
the many bounds of vice & licentiousness
which the young men of the present day
are so addicted to, but thanks to my Relations
my life so far has been spared free from
them, & trust that with age my great
dislike for them shall increase, & will as the
strength to resist all temptations that may
be thrown around my path-way.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to
visit the Museum connected with the College,
& mean if it ever comes in my way to
call & pay that institution a visit.

We are adding a few specimens to the collec-
tion in the Union School here & trust to
have more in the spring. I have lately
donated them a fine lot of Carboniferous
specimens obtained in a coal mine in Ohio,
last summer.

My own collection is increasing slowly, by
the donations of Friends, & collections made
by myself last summer & fall. People are
constantly calling to see my Cabinet & entire
strangers some times, but they are all welcome
for it costs nothing, & am sure one had
ought to be willing to put themselves to a
little trouble to gratify others, & am.

Enclosed please find a Description & Photo-
graphs of my Bog Caber, which you so
kindly donated to Bog to aid in its con-
struction. It is pronounced by all who
see it to be a great curiosity.

I have some Fossils that were obtained
in Ill. in 1869, that I would donate to
that Museum if they would be accept-
able, They are the Ribs, Vertebrates,
Fossils, & Trunks of Rattle-snakes, found
in the seams of rocks where a quarry
was being opened, they taking out some
20 bushels in all.

Trusting that this may find you well
so that I may have the pleasure of
receiving occasionally as convenient a
paper or some periodical.

remains
Yours Truly,
Charles B. King.

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Abraham Dixon Esq
letter

Westport Jan. 27 1873

My dear Dr. Friend

Your kind letter of 8th inst
has duly come to hand. At that time
& since, I have made some amount of actual
study - but a slight few minutes per
contingency are used & exercised in other
directions. The few studies which still
rest upon me become more & more to become
the only men bow themselves, & Graph-opper is
a burden. I am thankful however that my
hearing & sight is spared to an unusual
degree. I hear ordinary conversation with-
out difficulty, & read common print without
glasses. I read the news of the day with
as much rest as you asked. It seems
to me that Geology & Astronomy were
never before so overwhelmingly inter-
esting. Human intellect can never
comprehend the grand mysteries of
creation, I own say, "It happened so." But
chance if it had matter to begin with

Could not make our Solar system
in which all the Planets & their Satellites
are so exquisitely poised in space that
a single pound of matter transferred
from one to another would destroy
the equilibrium between antagonistic
forces, & the whole system must rush
into chaos. How can it be made
so well as a sewing machine, and
talk of the Universal! No! All creation
shows Design & adaptations of means
to ends. Some talk of the laws of Na-
ture. If there be a power, the scientific
entailment & power, then the laws of
Nature is another name for Deity. This
is all of that argument.

I believe that in the beginning
of time God created the Heavens & the
earth, and according to Moses, for the
purpose of preparing this little
planet for the abode of mankind,
was divided into six epochs, not
days, for the sun was not made

till the fourth. Geology tells us
these Epochs must be measured by at
least millions of years and astronomer
tell us that there are millions of stars, both
discerned whose light has but just reached
us, & probably other millions whose
lights have not yet reached us, the flesh with
lightning and day right, even in crea-
tion. Do not then, like the blind blindfold
adherent to a false mind, in the study
& solution of these amazing works of
creation in a doxology of their
Almighty Creator for a whole eternity.
It seems not too long.

As to the sickness & death of that
most respectable woman Mrs. Capps I
have devolved the duty of giving you
the desired information upon Cassin
who writes with more facility than
I can.

I have a slight acquaintance with
that Mr. Young ^{who} is your informant, is
engaged in writing the history of

Stewart says she will write soon

our country. Some 20 years ago I
tried to introduce his first little book
"Science of civil Government" into our
District school as a text-book. The
weeks, I have not seen a copy of the
"man" which is now before me. I am
favorably impressed by such a title & its style
is lucid, somewhat judicious, & facts I think
reliable. At first I grew cold, for I thought he
was preaching in your manner. But
if you are acting in concert I am content.
The work must owe its chief value to materials
collected by you at great expense & labor.

A few weeks since a gentleman called
to introduce himself as Mr. Lewis from
St. Lawrence Co. & said he had lately made
a Gazette for that Co. on an improved
plan, & had come here with an in-
tention of doing the same for this Co. I took
the liberty of referring him to you & said
he might spend a week or two in St. Ham.
More profitably than any other place.

With great respect W. D. [unclear]

Miss Deacons letter
Westfield Jan 29/73
Deaths Mrs Cass

Westfield Jan 29th 1873.

Dear Judge Foste

I am sorry and ashamed that I did not, immediately on Father's receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. mail to you the Obituary of dear Mrs Cass which I send herewith. The only reason why I did not do so was, that I hoped in two or three days to be able to accompany it with a letter.

I did not at all intend to leave your enquiries so long unanswered; but I am not at all well this winter, and I have not until this morning found at once time and strength to write. I am but a poor little useless thing!

The accompanying Obituary was written by Rev Mr. Van Cleave, to whom Mrs Cass became much attached during his residence here. He is now preaching near Pittsburg Pa. and wrote the

article from data furnished and sent to him by Mr Daniel Hall. It was at first published in our Westfield Republican, and I should certainly have sent you a copy; - (for I thought of you, dear Judge Foste, and always do, when anything of public interest occurs here,) but I was very confident that you told me the Republican was always sent to you. I was greatly surprised on the receipt of your letter, to hear that you had so lately learned of the death of your old acquaintance.

I can tell you but little about her last days, in addition to what is given in the Obituary. As I cannot walk much I saw her only three or four times during the two months of her lingering death. The paralysis was so slight that at first it was not recognized as such, yet her mind was never quite clear afterward. Perhaps I should say rather, that she lost the ~~idea~~ power of expressing her ideas. At first this loss was only partial; - for

several weeks she could speak rationally a sentence or two, - then mind seemed to wander and her talk would be incoherent. This inability increased, until at last she could not express her wants intelligibly nor name her friends correctly.

From the first, she fully recognized the stroke as that of death; and every word and look testified that she hailed it with joy. The first time I saw her, she greeted me with just her usual cheerful smile, and then hastened to tell me, as of some glad news, "Only a little while now, Cara, - God's time is very near." Again and again repeating, "Very soon now, - only a little while - only a little while." After that I did not see her for a week or two, when her first words to me - uttered in a tone of patient disappointment, ^{were} "Not dead yet; Cara - not dead yet." Then as if to strengthen herself she added "very soon now, very soon now." And such expressions she constantly repeated, as long as her tongue would at all do her bidding. I last saw her about twelve hours

before she breathed her last. She knew me, but all she could say was, "Your Father?" "How is your Father?" had for years been her first question on seeing me.

Rev Mr Miner, our present minister here attended the funeral, which was very large. - Her estate is said to be valued at only about \$5000, which by her will, is to be divided among her relatives. The old house will have to be sold, and may pass into the hands of strangers - a sad sight for the many old friends who have long known it as a pleasant home. I will as soon as I can, see her nieces and give them your message.

Is it true, Judge Foote, that you have relinquished your intention of yourself writing a history of Charl. Co? I hope not - surely many will share my disappointment, if the work is to be done by another hand. We are very glad to hear that you are getting comfortably through this hard winter; and we hope you may long be able to make your annual visit to Charl.

Father although feeble, has thus far endured the Winter remarkably well. Sister Mary was married in June to Mr E. W. Whitney, and has left us, but only to go to his home on Water St. near Mr Abbotts.

Dear Judge Foote, it is always a pleasure to Father and to me to receive your letters, even

though we may not reply very promptly. Please remember me to Mrs Gout. Yours affectionately
C. S. G. 1840

My father
mother
M. J. Bennett
Kempson

seventy 8
18 teen hundred

Hedden, Feb 4th

Friend

My much respect

It has been a long time
since we parted I think
by this time perhaps
my name is forgotten
I know you are moving
but I often read your
note in the Lantern or
Democrat which brings
many things fresh into
my mind that so part
had gone you give peace
I often think of the precious
privileges that I enjoyed
in Indiana and I never can
forget you and I often when
I was a member of your
family what occurs

sensory we all enjoyed
while you had our little
family altar but the sub-
ject of change time
has brought forth to us
yes with me there has been
nearly eight years has passed
since I was, my dear Mother
was recruited in the old sea
service of Denton; four years
have passed since my
Dear Father's death
I am exalted to the spirit
world in the severity and
eyes of my age I am
left alone with but very
little means to help my
self but I trust in the future
I hope there will be some
thing provided; my relations
I am sure would like
to have me here but
but it is my choice to stay

near the place where
my Dear Father and
Mother's dust is
deposited as that will
be my last resting
place there is no one
knows my trials but you
in hopes that one day
I shall be free from all
my troubles and trials
of this short life -

hope you will remember
me in your prayers

- this from your
Friend Herbert K

at Troy
please excuse all
mistakes in writing
and spelling

When you rec'd this
we you please to send
me some good paper.

Mrs Harriet Flory
Ltr from Wisconsin
July 4 1873

Write Mrs Bullow July 12

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copy to journal
renewed Feb 7/73.

I see the subjects of usury laws of the State of New York is being discussed and a repeal of them proposed. I formerly have seen much both in opposition to the repeal of the ~~restoring~~ usury laws, yet I have now been convinced that they ought to be repealed. Experience is a better test than reasoning.

In the State of Connecticut a usury law was repealed from time immemorial and the rate fixed at 6 per cent and a badge for failure the interest, but not the principal interest in Massachusetts has been raised from 6 to 7 per cent. A large amount of money was loaned ^{by Banks} in this State on usury paper ^{by individuals} than in other States. Many in this State argued that a repeal of the usury law would render money more plenty at home and lessen the rate of interest. This argument was the ~~basis~~ ^{reason} for the repeal. At the last May session of the ^{Legislature} of this State the usury law was repealed without much opposition. What has been the result? The Banks have loaned their dis counts from 7 to 10 per cent to their customers at home and even a higher rate has been taken

The people without distinction ^{of party} call for a restriction
of the usury law of capitalizing the rate at 7 per
cent and I think I hazard nothing in saying
it will be done at the opening of our legislature in
May next. The Republican State Convention
of 466 delegates that assembled ⁱⁿ ~~from~~ ⁱⁿ ~~every~~ ^{the} ~~town~~
in this State, this week passed a resolution
I believe unanimously in favor of the restriction
of the usury law. It is no party question. The
Republican Legislature repealed the law and now
the same party will pretty certainly restore it.
Many lenders here ^{now} are seeing bondsmen & others
to prevent for five years more before a restriction
of the law. Let it should said I have a pecuniary interest
in favor of my position, I state that Providentially I can
swear from the necessity of borrowing, ^{and} that the little that I
have an interest in mostly at 6 per cent (New York).

In our country the lenders are very few compared
with the borrowers. If ^{New York} you repeal the usury law
I apprehend the people will soon become cer-
evid of their mistake, and the Farmers, laborers &
manufacturers will suffer oppression and injustice.
They advise in Pennsylvania reflect before so important
a law is repealed.

Rev Asher Wright

My Dear old Friend

I do not know that I have ever an-
gustated you on the completion of the meeting house
for our Seneca Presbyterian Church at Foxcroft - I am not
insensible how much you did to bring about the auspici-
ous result - God blessed the men as he always does
we labor in faith and his blessing abounds - I have thought a
number of times I would write to these good brethren if I had
their names and their Post office addresses.

Brother W. I wish to ask a favor of you and trust it
will be able to give me an answer without much delay

I once wrote you years since for the Indian word of all
the Lakes & streams in Chautauque County ^{vicinity} were derived &
to have answered the whole would I presume been too
much labor in your situation. But now I amly ask

for the word Shi-tas Chautauque word

I call the word Shi-tas great meaning high
up or to take a thing & lift it high up & say

Shi-tas great. Of course I do not spell as one
knowing Seneca language or pronounce it as
they do but can so that I can comprehend

and so can others - The first I got a clew to
it was many years ago in Johnston when
a good looking intelligent Squaw helped me

and two sent with her say 16-20 and into the valley in a warm
 day and drove under the shade on the shade of a large building & took
 their horse out of the hills of the one horse wagon we were ^{near} closely
 & hit her to the tail end of the wagon box & gave her some hay
 They were sitting quietly in the shade & I approached them and ask
 ed the meaning word in ^{Montauque} Seneca & I tried to explain to them by object
 the young men appeared perplexed with the question when the mother
 arose & went to the wagon. Hills & taking them ^{and} one in each
 hand raised them up at full arms length above her head ^{and} the word
 as near as I can write it she thus quavered - I said ^{high} up to which
 she said yes - I saw Dr. Sherry and he appeared to

understand that that Emmoojimpim ^{was} was a return
 explanation the Sherry high up and as far as I have
 been able to investigate gate Emmoojimpim
 under the word they use high or left high up sounds like
 an anteequa or near or Emmoojimpim ^{was} was used hundreds
 of times

I have no doubt all Indian names of hills
 understood would show form, length or quality
 like Cietaronyas starting for the whole
 coming out of the rock also its hills

of the Bostons
 Seneca University
 E. R. Thompson

Copy to Rev. Mr. May
 Feb 8 1873
 name of
 Cietaronyas

Windsor, Chautauque Co. N. Y.

February 17 1873

Wm E. W. Foot

Dear Sir

Mr Young writes me that he is soon to commence the history of our County, and he informs me that you will be here in the spring to assist - What little aid I can render I will willingly contribute - I myself have been a little ambitious to write a history of the County where the facts should have been sufficiently collected, and digested by me so that I would become prepared to do so; but it would take me many years to work it up, as I could not devote my whole time to it, only such leisure periods as I should happen to have - it is perhaps best that I should not attempt it, the opportunity that we have presented I have no doubt is a good one. Mr Young I think is competent, and will speedily execute it.

I have made considerable research during some years back for facts connected with the history of our County prior to the year 1800, and I would like to write out the first Chapter of Mr Youngs work or that part of it

relating to our County prior to the year 1800 or 1802 when
the first actual settlement was made by white men - If
yourself and Mr Young would think best I would attempt
it and in doing so, I would expect that you and Mr
Young would dictate as to the amount of space to be allotted
to that part of the book, & that what I should write should meet
with your approval, I would desire no compensation but
would do it for the pleasure of it - I have not as yet spoken
to Mr Young upon the subject

Respectfully, Yrs

John E. Edson

Mayville March 29th '75

Sir The Broekmeyer left here on Monday for Albany where he will remain until the new county bill is disposed of.

Mr Keams called at the office last evening and left a line from you from which I inferred that you and the friends at Barnestown thought it expedient to call a convention at this and at your place I saw a number of the friends here who thought that more concerted action could be obtained by one convention than by the two proposed, and therefore invited the call which you will find in the Sentinel of this week

Should you deem it advisable to hold another convention at your town or it would be agreed in by the friends here with cheerfulness notice to that effect might be given by word of mouth as also through your paper (it not being for political purposes)

I should hope that some of your delegates would have a memorial and resolutions drafted that the session of the convention

might be short there ^{probably} no one here that
will take it upon himself to have ^{them} ~~those things~~
drafted and it is not done with sufficient
care when in committee

I am sir

yours &c

Wm Phelps

Nov 8 9 30

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Phelps of
Moyockles
relatives to look
House Division

Complaint against Allen Hinckley JP
to the judges of Chautauque Co. Pleas
the removal of said ^{for} Hinckley as JP
in this case

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From [unclear] [unclear]

Amestown

[unclear]

David

Alonzo Devoe
Jmston

James Town

May 8th 1876
answered May 12 1876

Mr E. J. Foot

Dear Sir you said
you would not refuse
money any time when
Persons wanted to pay it
to you I have the money
now at my disposal &
would like to pay all
Due now on my Papers
iff you will send my
Bond & Mortgage to
The Chart CO Bank
I will have the money
then to your credit
Please & have them discharged
from record & Lawfully right
There is 400 Dollars & interest
from last september
I think the Papers were
dated 22nd of september

- I wish you would
attend to it immediately
& oblige.

Yours Respectfully

Alonzo Deane

Preserved by E. J. Foster for a
form of contract

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION

FOR THE ERECTION OF A CHURCH BY THE THIRD CONGREGATIONAL
SOCIETY OF NEW HAVEN.

WHEREAS certain individuals have purchased a lot of land situated on Church street, in the city of New Haven, and known as the "*Chauncey Lot*," for the price or sum of sixteen thousand dollars—

AND WHEREAS said lot of land was purchased for the purpose of being offered to The Third Congregational Society of New Haven, at the same price, as a site upon which to erect a church edifice and a lecture room for their use:

Now therefore, for the purpose of effecting the object contemplated by said purchase, and of erecting said church edifice and lecture room, and in consideration that said Society shall and do purchase said lot of land for said sum of sixteen thousand dollars, with the interest thereon, and for and in consideration of one dollar in hand paid to the subscribers hereto, severally, by the said Society, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have severally agreed, and hereby do severally agree to and with the said Society, and to and with each other, as follows, to wit:

FIRST. That we, the subscribers hereto, shall and will severally advance and pay to the said Society, or to their authorized Treasurer, the sums of money set opposite to our several and respective signatures hereto, in four equal payments, to be made in six, twelve, eighteen, and twenty-four months from the date hereof, to be used and applied by the said Society, in the erection of

said church edifice, and a lecture room upon said lot of land, and the erection or purchase of the necessary furniture for both.

SECOND. That we, the subscribers hereto, have made, and hereby do make, our respective subscriptions hereto, subject to all and singular the conditions, restrictions, and provisions hereinafter contained, to wit:

First. That the building or edifice erected upon said lot of land, shall be erected and owned by said Society, and shall be used and dedicated for the Public Worship of God, according to their present form of faith.

Second. That upon the completion of said church edifice and lecture room, the pews upon the ground floor of said church edifice shall be fairly appraised by a committee of the said Society, so that the aggregate, fair, relative valuations of all said pews upon that floor, shall equal and make up the aggregate actual cost of said lot of land, church edifice, and lecture room, including the necessary furniture for both;—and upon such valuations, so to be made, all said pews on that floor shall respectively thereafter be subject to an annual assessment or ground rent, as hereinafter provided: But said lot of land shall not, nor shall any edifice thereon, be sold, or at any time be made liable or subject to sale, for the ordinary expenses of said Society, or mortgaged or encumbered for such expenses.

Third. That within thirty days after the valuation of said pews shall have been made as above provided, said society shall, after public advertisement, and after and upon special notice to all the subscribers hereto, sell at public auction for cash, all the pews upon the ground floor of said church edifice to the highest bidder above their respective appraised valuation, so to be made as aforesaid, or at such respective appraised valuation, if no higher sum

shall be bid therefor. And the said Society shall, out of the proceeds of the sales of said pews as herein provided, refund and pay to the subscribers hereto (if such proceeds shall be sufficient for that purpose) such amount or balance as shall be due them respectively after charging to them such pew or pews as shall be purchased by them as hereinafter provided. But it is expressly understood, that in order to secure to all persons an equal and fair opportunity of selection and purchase of pews, none of the subscribers hereto, shall at the first public sale of said pews purchase more than one pew; and in order to become such purchaser, such party must be the highest bidder therefor.

Fourth. That within six months after the first public sale of pews as above provided, if any pews shall remain unsold, the said Society shall, in like manner and upon a like advertisement or notice, sell at public auction the pews so remaining unsold, to the highest bidder above their appraised value as aforesaid, or at their appraised value, if no higher sum shall be bid therefor. And at such second public sale, any of the subscribers hereto, may become purchasers of pews at not less than their appraised value, equal in amount to any balance which may be due them upon their subscriptions hereto. And said Society shall have full power at any time after the first public sale of pews, to sell at private sale for cash, to any person any one or more pews at their appraised valuations. But in case any of the subscribers hereto, shall not within six months from the time of said second public sale of said pews, accept and take one or more pews at not less than the appraised valuation, in payment and satisfaction of any balance due them, they shall be held as having relinquished to said Society all right to such pew or pews, and all claim for such balance.

Fifth. That the purchasers of said lot of land shall have the

right of applying upon their respective subscriptions hereto, the several amounts which they have paid, and shall pay upon such purchase, with the interest thereon, or so much thereof as they may deem proper.

Sixth. That the pew holders in the house of worship now owned by said Society, who shall subscribe this instrument with the number or numbers of their respective pews set opposite their names; shall be entitled to such proportion of the avails of the house and lot now owned by said Society, (less the sum of one thousand dollars to be deducted therefrom as the avails and just value of the lecture room) as the original cost of each pew so subscribed, bore to the original cost of the whole house and lot exclusive of the lecture room: but such proceeds from the sale of the house shall be appropriated by said pew holders to the purchase of said Chauncey lot, and the erection of the new house of worship and lecture room thereon; and thereupon such pew holders shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges, and subject to the same restrictions and provisions, as if the proportion of the said avails to which each of them may be entitled on account of his or her pew or pews, had been subscribed hereto. And such pew holders, who may become subscribers hereto, do hereby assent to the sale of said house by said Society, and of their right and interest in said pews, upon the conditions aforesaid; *Provided*, however, that if such house and lot shall be sold as aforesaid, and such contemplated house shall not be erected as aforesaid, then their respective proportions of said avails shall be paid in cash, as the same shall be collected.

Seventh. That in order to provide for all the ordinary annual expenses of the said Society, and to pay the interest upon any debt by them incurred, it is hereby expressly understood

and agreed by and between all the parties to this instrument— That on or before the fifteenth day of May in each and every year after the completion and occupation of said church edifice as a place of public worship, the said Society and their successors shall have full power and authority to assess as a ground rent upon all the pews on the ground floor of said church edifice, an amount sufficient in the aggregate to meet and pay the current and ordinary expenses of the said Society, (including interest upon any debt by them incurred,) during the year next ensuing each of such assessments: such assessments to be made upon and according to the valuation of said pews as fixed and determined by the appraisal hereinbefore provided: and such annual assessments shall be a legal and valid lien upon said pews: and every owner or proprietor of a pew shall be liable to pay such annual assessment in equal quarterly payments, as the said Society shall from time to time prescribe; but such proprietor or owner shall be released from the payment of any future annual assessment, upon the surrender to the said Society of the use of his pew for the whole of the next succeeding year, by giving notice to the Pew Agent of the said Society, on or prior to the fifteenth day of May in any one year, of his intention to make such surrender. But such proprietor or owner may at the expiration of one year after such surrender, resume the use, possession or occupation of his pew, subject to all future assessments, provided such resumption shall be made or before the fifteenth day of May in each year, and notice shall be given as aforesaid of his intention so to do. And in case any such annual assessment, or any part of it, upon any pew or pews, shall remain unpaid for the space of nine months after the same shall have become due and payable, the said Society and

their successors shall have full power and authority, upon and after a notice of three months to the owner or proprietor of such pew or pews, to sell at public auction and convey to the purchaser, the use of such pew or pews, for such term of time as shall be sufficient, or shall be required to make an amount equal to all unpaid assessments thereon up to the time of such sale. And the purchaser at such sale shall have full right to hold and occupy such pew or pews during such term, subject to the payment of all future assessments thereon made.

Eighth. But it is understood and agreed between all the parties hereto, that the said Society shall own as their own property, all the pews in the galleries in said church edifice, and shall have full power and authority to sell, lease or rent any of said pews, and to assess upon any or all of such pews such annual ground rent as from time to time they may deem proper for the purpose of paying and meeting their ordinary current expenses. And the said Society shall have power at the expiration of every five years from the date hereof, to cause to be made, in the manner hereinbefore provided, a new appraised valuation of all the pews in said church edifice.

Ninth. That the said Society shall have full power and authority to execute a valid mortgage upon said lot of land and any edifice thereon, to secure the payment of any debt incurred or to be incurred in the purchase of said lot of land, or in the erection of said church edifice and lecture room, or for the furniture therefor, until such debt can be paid out of the proceeds of sales of pews, or otherwise discharged.

Tenth. That no subscription to this instrument shall be binding unless the subscriptions hereto in the aggregate, including the

subscriptions of pews, shall amount to the sum of forty thousand dollars.

Eleventh. That it is understood and agreed by and between all the parties hereto, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to make any one of the subscribers hereto liable or responsible in any manner for any other of said subscribers, or for any greater or other sum than the amount set opposite to his own signature hereto.

Twelfth. The said Society do hereby agree to purchase the said lot, and erect the said house, upon the terms, conditions and restrictions aforesaid, and to do and perform all matters and things herein contained, on their part to be done and performed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said society by their authorized agents and the undersigned persons, firms, and individuals, have, on the day of the date hereof, hereunto subscribed their respective names and set opposite thereto the amount or sum in money which each hereby becomes responsible to pay in manner aforesaid.

*Dated at New Haven, the first }
day of July, A. D., 1854. }*

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perhaps aid me - I have not made the progress that I would like in getting facts respecting the town of Henry, I doubt know how long it will be before I shall have completed my stock - I will complete it however, and make it full & accurate, & if no use is at present made of the facts I shall collect, I will preserve them for future use.

I have from time to time been collecting such historical facts as relate to the territory of Chen Co anterior to its first settlement. I find many interesting facts and have arranged them in order in the form of a historical ~~narrative~~ narrative - I will write you more particularly some time concerning this matter -

Your article on Jamestown I have read with great interest

I am sorry to hear that your health
is so poor. I hope that winter
sun may in some degree improve, &
that you will be ^{able,} still to write
more

I have seized upon this as
the first opportunity to write you
since I rec^d your letter - as
I have hastily written already a
long letter (although I have not
written ~~upon~~ about what, and as
I intended when I commenced)
I will now have to bring it
abruptly to a close

Yours Sincerely

Chas. Edson

The following is copied from the letter
of ~~Amos Settle~~ H. H. Hawkins to Samuel
A. Brown, dated Hanover, Feb. 2, 1843:

"Sir - Amos Settle came on to the
Cattaraugus bottoms and settled in the
year 1796, being then about ~~20~~ years
age old, and has resided ~~there~~ ever since
that time, with the exception of between
two and three years from about 1800 to
1801, which he spent in what was then
called the North-western territory.

He is one who helped make the survey
of the whole county in 1798 and 1799,
and Joseph Ellicott, surveyor for the
Holland Land Company."

Rent House, Lake View, N. Y.

Lake View, Chaut. Co., N. Y., 1875.

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[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

My dear Mr. Mallet & Pusey gentlemen I rec^d for Col. Patten ^a commu-
nication signed by yourselves & others requesting my formal pledge to
certain questions which you proposed - After ^{considering} the consideration which I had with
myself while at Bristol ^{as to suspected the influence a messenger would have in leading the road} I was not a little astonished that I should be called
on in this way. In the communication of your communication you
are pleased to say that you have no doubt of my disposition & ability to
render the country important service; but at the same time you ask me
to do that which you must be convinced on a moment's reflection, is
worse than to ask me to decline - While such an avowal would as you say testify
by yourselves ~~it would~~ ^{it} embolden you to make an avowal to testify otherwise -
I should at the same time give a jealousy here calculated to lead to my defeat
You say you have with pleasure assisted in nominating me as a candidate for the
assembly, has your confidence in me so soon fled? or did you assent to a
nomination which you were not satisfied with? - I have too much charity to hor-
bor a belief that you are in disrepute to me, but believe that you asked that these
pledges without mature deliberation - From my opponents I have nothing to expect I
am too much the object of their revenge to expect their assistance - And have my political
friends no more confidence in me than to believe that I would ^{betray} those who had

supported me & assisted in electing me. I am not insensible that the Republican
party have done much for me; & for which I feel truly grateful. I assure you as a
matter of fact, beyond contradiction that I did not take any measures to procure
my nomination; & at all times said that I did not wish the nomination & should
only assent to it when called upon ^{to our delegates} to do by the united voice of the convention.
You cannot be insensible that I have at all times sincerely rendered my fee-
-ble efforts in favor of our nominations for years past; ~~notwithstanding~~ ^{as sometimes with the advice of my townsmen} it was done
with a sacrifice of business & expense. Neither do I yet regret that I have done
it. What I have done has always been in good faith. Now Sir I am free to say that
if elected by the people of this county I shall endeavor to represent their interests to
& not merely the private interest of a few individuals or of one or ^{more} ~~less~~ towns.
It would be base in me to suffer my own private interest to sacrifice the
public good. I have no other calculation than (if elected) to support or oppo-
-sition for a state road. And I appeal to your good sense ^{possibility or even propriety} as to the ~~power~~ ^{power} of a
member of assembly from this or any other county, locating the state road - Who
but the commissioners ~~will~~ ^{will} in any event, ~~locate the state road?~~ ^{locate the state road?}

Sherman Williams son of Alexander Williams of Glade, Warren Co. Penn. (formerly of Harmony N.Y.) was born in Harmony, March 10th 1842. He received an academical education at Westfield Academy, where he was attending school, when he enlisted, Sept. 28, 1861,

in company G, 49th regiment, N.Y. S. volunteers, commanded by Capt. (afterwards Col.) Jeremiah C. Drake,

He served in the 49th regiment till February 1864, participating in the siege of Fort Mifflin, and in the battles of Williamsburg, Mechanicsville, Garnett's Farm, Savage's Station, White Oak Swamp, and Malvern Hill.

On account of continued illness, brought on by exposure in the swamps of the Chickahominy and in the field, he was found unable to endure the hardships of field duty, and was then transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and detailed as clerk, in the office of Gen Wm Hays, provost-marshal general for the southern district of New York, and stationed at New York city, where he was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service.

In 1865-6 he was cashier of the United States Telegraph Company at Buffalo, N.Y., where he was employed until that Company was consolidated with the Western Union Telegraph Company. He returned to Chautauqua and was engaged in teaching school. In the spring of 1869, he was elected collector of the town of Westfield, and in the following November, was elected Treasurer of the County. He is now serving his second term of three years, which will expire at the close of the year 1875.

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H. Baker - Name

Plot of Survey of 1202 through Foster allotment E

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